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v. WALES



England's new skipper Alan Ball in action against West Germany's Herbert Wimmer at Wembley.

Plus **BILLY BREMNER** on Sweden v. Scotland

BRITAIN IN ACTION

ALL FOUR of the Home nations are in action this week. England, Wales and Northern Ireland are engaged in European Championship games, fighting for valuable points to increase their chances of finally topping their respective Group tables and earning places in the Quarter-Finals.

Since the competition began in 1960, the coveted Cup has never been brought to these shores, and the results our teams have achieved so far point to a possible "football first" for Britain.

England, with three points from two games, take on the weakest team in their group, well aware that goal difference can become such a vital factor they must go all out for a cricket score.

It won't be easy. The Cypriots are sure to attempt to emulate the Portuguese, who held England to a goal-less draw last November and made manager Don Revie's task so much harder.

A vastly-improved Wales, with far fewer players to choose from, travel to Budapest as proud leaders of their group for a return game with second-placed Hungary, who they convincingly beat 2-0 at Ninian Park in October.

This is their second away game — having previously lost 2-1 to Austria.

But mindful that good away results are also vital, they'll be hoping to return with at least one point to consolidate their position.

Northern Ireland play their first home game against Group-leaders Yugoslavia, who are ahead on goal-difference.

It promises to be a highly-exciting contest, and here's hoping the Belfast fans are able to celebrate a magnificent win to take their minds off their troubles.

Although Scotland's game is a friendly — away to Sweden, a side already beaten by Northern Ireland — the Scots are aiming for a good result to enable them to recover from their disastrous start in the European Championship when they dropped three points in two matches with Spain.

Now read on into this issue for more news and players' views of the matches that could mean so much to British football.

David Gregory
EDITOR

'England won't

relax

TOUCH wood, I'll be captain-ing England against Cyprus at Wembley next Wednesday (April 16th). As I said a couple of weeks ago, I don't look upon my appointment as a one-game or short-term honour.

I hope to lead England for some time yet and I'm looking forward to the Cyprus game very much indeed.

Of course, after beating West Germany 2-0, some fans may think playing Cyprus will be an anti-climax.

I disagree. West Germany were just the hors d'oeuvres ... the main course is still to come.

In many ways, the match against Cyprus is more important than the victory over the World Champions.

The Germany game was a friendly ... next Wednesday is a European Championship tie with two valuable points at stake.

The win a month ago was a boost for English football. While we mustn't get carried away by it, let's not be cautious either.

We beat the World Champions 2-0. We deserved to win. It could easily have been 4-0 and it was one of the most pro- England displays for ages.

The result will have made soccer followers throughout the world sit up and take notice.

I don't know what "new-look England defeat West Germany" is in Italian, Spanish or Polish ... but it must have had a devastating effect world-wide.

Many of the England players will be strangers to far-flung fans but not, I suspect, for much longer.

Let's get one thing straight ... West Germany didn't want to lose to England at Wembley.

Suggestions that their players were not too bothered and didn't give 100 per cent are rubbish.

When England play West Germany, every player gives 100 per cent, be it a friendly or a World Cup Final.

What makes England's victory even more satisfying is that several Germans can be proud of the way they played at Wembley.

Franz Beckenbauer was his usual immaculate self at the back, although he didn't find much room to come forward in the way he likes.

Berti Vogts did a good job in defence and up front, and I was impressed by the coloured striker Erwin Kostedde.

He was fighting a lone battle for most of the time, with little support from his midfield men.

However, he showed some delicate touches and with better support I'm sure he could have caused us a few problems.

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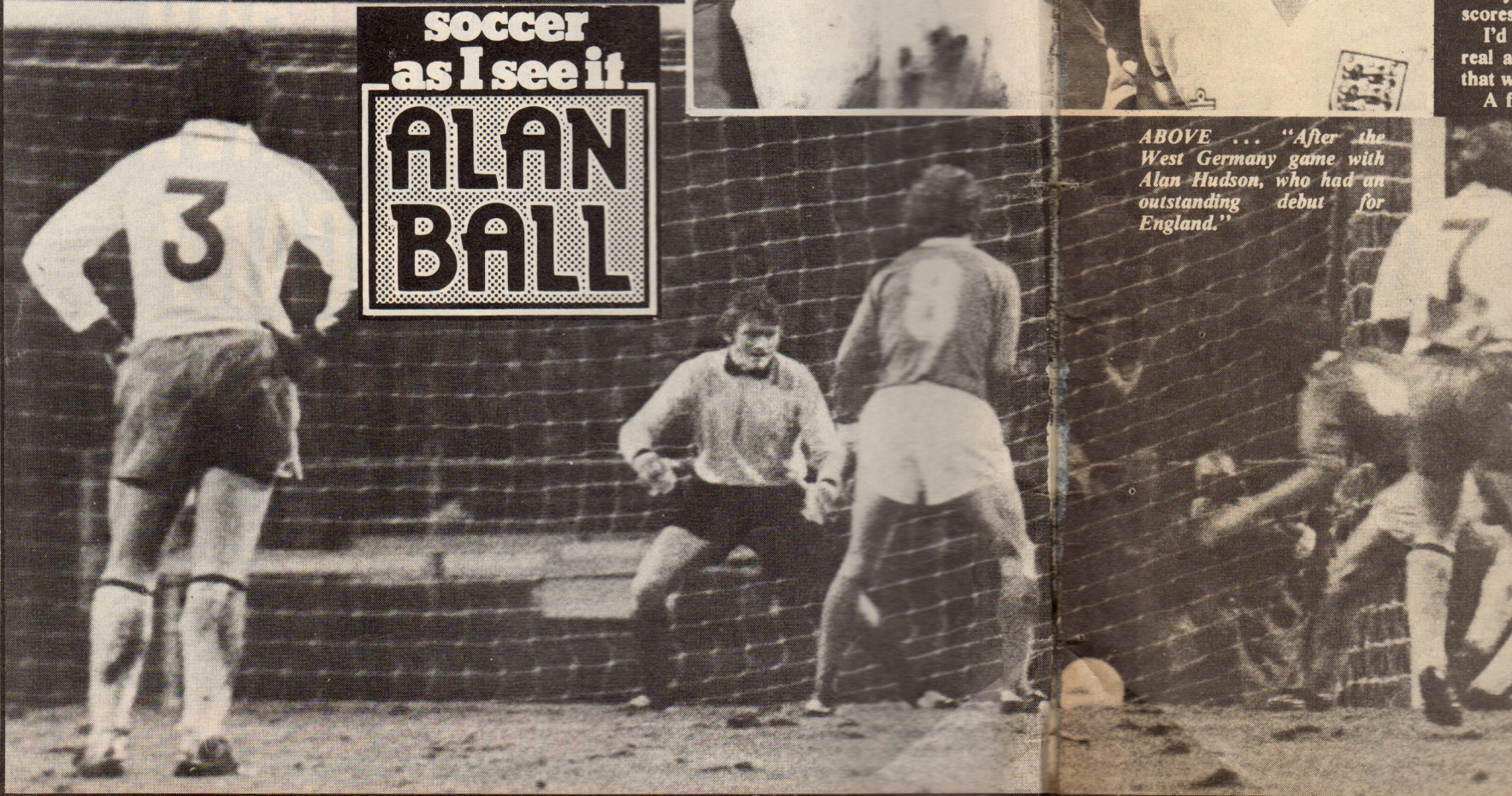
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regularly as they do with Newcastle.

Yes, that performance against Beckenbauer and company was first-class. The blend and balance were right — and you never know, we could have seen the basis of a great side that night.

Players make the blend, it's a question of finding the right combination.

It's said that you don't change a winning side, but Don Revie has so many good players waiting in the wings, he has the sort of problems every manager likes.

Obviously I don't know who will line-up against Cyprus next week.

If he does make changes, they will be done in the interests of England.

Don Revie will do what he thinks best and the players will accept this in the right spirit.

Cyprus are very much an unknown quantity. I don't think England have ever played them before.

I daresay the Press will take England to win 10-0. It's not the first time and it won't be the last.

This sort of prediction puts a lot of pressure on the players. Look through the record books and you'll find very few very big scores in international soccer.

I'd love us to score ten, but my real aim is just to be in the team that wins.

A few days after the West Ger-

many game, somebody mentioned next Wednesday's tie and asked me what sort of attendance I expected.

My initial reaction was a full house again and I hope I'm not far wrong.

The Wembley fans were absolutely fabulous last month. I've been critical of them at times, but that game could be the one that brought the supporters and players together.

Fans will always watch a winning team, but there was a lot of style about the way we beat the Germans.

I'm sure the fans will give us a wonderful reception next week and the players are eager to reward them again.

If we beat Cyprus, we will have five European Championship points out of six.

This will put us well on top of our Group and even though Cze-

choslovakia and Portugal have games in hand, the pressure will be on them.

Before Wembley, there is a "biggie" at Highbury (April 12th) when Leeds are the visitors.

One man will be keeping a close eye on this game and several others... Don Revie.

He's hoping for 0-0 — not goals but injuries.

I'm looking forward to playing against Leeds. Games between us are usually very interesting and although we've had many matches at Highbury in the past month, I'm sure there'll be a bigish crowd on Saturday.

Until next week,

Don Revie

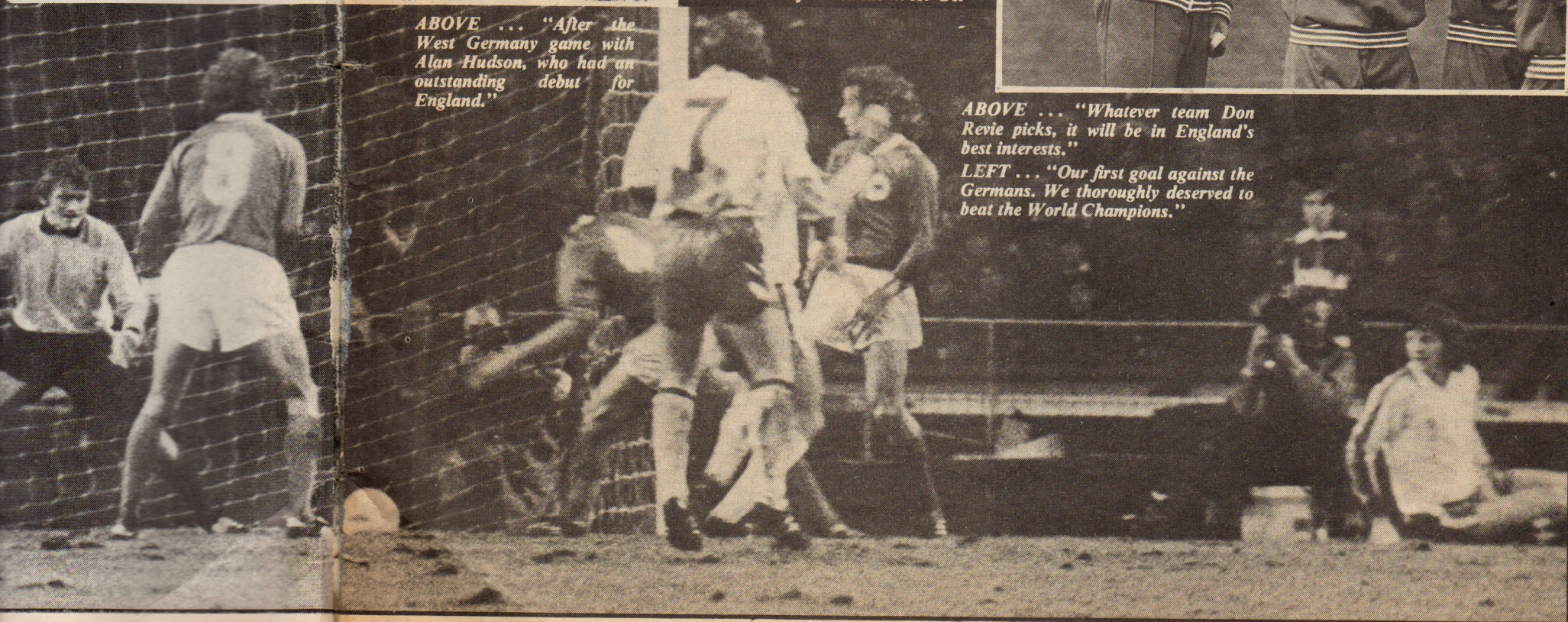


ABOVE ... "After the West Germany game with Alan Hudson, who had an outstanding debut for England."



ABOVE ... "Whatever team Don Revie picks, it will be in England's best interests."

LEFT ... "Our first goal against the Germans. We thoroughly deserved to beat the World Champions."



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Soccer's

'Clown Prince'

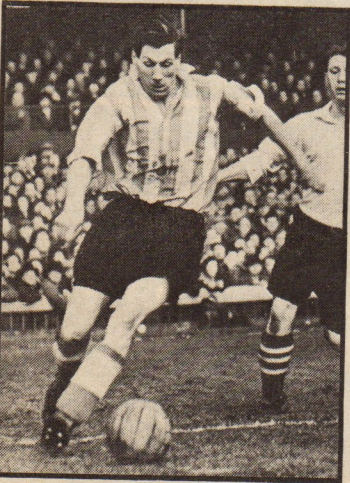
WHO was it who had the nickname of 'The Clown Prince of Soccer', please?

CARL BRYAN, STOKES-ON-TRENT

Well, Carl, Rodney Marsh was sometimes tagged that in his earlier and more extrovert days.

But the genuine, and original, holder of the "title" was Len Shackleton (below) of Newcastle and Sunderland fame.

"Shack", still much around in the game as a sportswriter on a Sunday newspaper, first hit the headlines when he joined Newcastle from Bradford early on in the first post-war League season of 1946-47 for a then huge fee of £13,000.



He promptly celebrated by scoring a DOUBLE hat-trick on his debut in a 13-0 win over Newport County.

But it was his clowning activities and his jokey, couldn't-care-less attitudes, as much as his supreme skill as a scheming inside-forward, which brought him to public notice.

Perhaps his best-remembered escapade was publishing his life-story — called, inevitably, "Clown Prince of Soccer".

Chapter Nine was entitled 'The Average Director's Knowledge of Football'. It consisted of a completely BLANK page!

John's debut

WHEN did John Hollins make his first-team debut for Chelsea, please?

TREVOR ARCHER, SOUTH OCKENDON.

Quite a while back now, Trevor — in a Football League Cup-tie at Swindon on 25th September, 1963 when he was barely 17.

Since then, loyal and long-serving John has appeared well over 500 times in the Blues' first-team.

All-time low

WHAT is the lowest number of goals scored in a season by a team in

any Division of the Football League since the war?

ANDREW RADFORD, PORT TALBOT

Twenty-seven is the worst yet, Andrew — scored by Huddersfield in 42 First Division games in 1971-72; and by Stockport in 46 Third Division games in 1969-70.

And, in-between those two, Orient scored only 29 goals in 42 Second Division games in 1970-71.

Supernac's

record

WHAT was Malcolm Macdonald's goalscoring record like before he joined Newcastle four years ago?

BARTLEY McNEILL, JARROW

"Supernac" scored five goals in 13 League games for Fulham in 1968-69, Bartley; followed by 25 in 46 games for Luton the next season, and 24 in 42 games in 1970-71 — that's 54 in 101 League games all told.

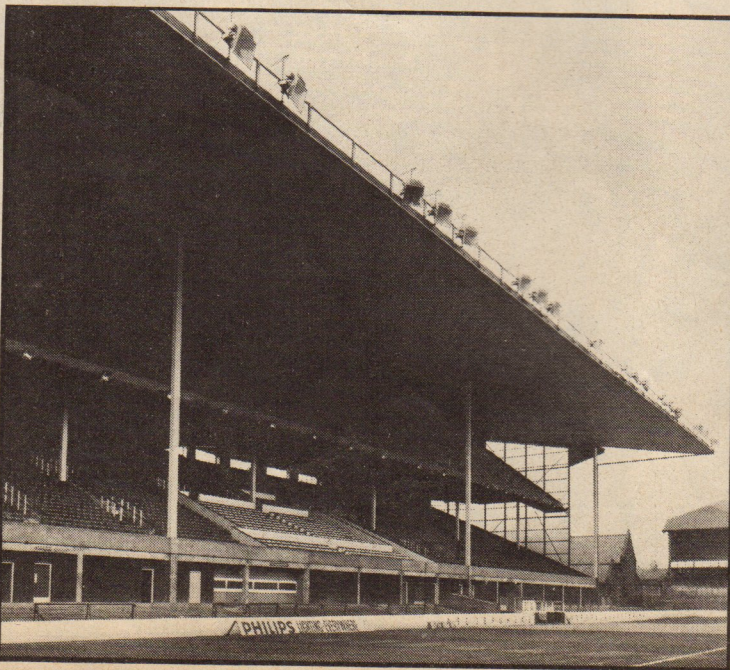
Wealthy Toffees

WHO are the wealthiest football club in England, please?

AIDAN O'DONOVAN, DUBLIN

Soccer clubs have traditionally always been rather cagey about letting-on as to the exact state of their financial resources, Aidan — but, for many years, Everton have been regarded as being amongst (at least) the top few wealthiest clubs in the country (pictured below, is their superb stand).

And, after coughing-up all that cash for the likes of Bob Latchford and Martin Dobson in recent times, there seems no reason to doubt that happy Goodison state of affairs is still true.



Best's last

WHEN and where did George Best play his final League game for Manchester United?

FRANKIE KELLY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

He celebrated New Year's Day 1974 (above) in London that way, Frankie, by playing against Q.P.R.

It was Bestie's 12th and last game in his short-lived comeback — and didn't have a very happy ending as United were beaten 3-0.

No game

for McQueen

WILL you please settle a fierce argument as to whether Leeds United's Gordon McQueen played in the World Cup Finals?

PAUL ROWLANDS, HITCHIN

No, Paul, although included in the 22-strong party out in West Germany, McQueen didn't play in any of Scotland's three games.

Same day

DO I share my birthday of 17th July with any famous League player, please?

JOHN HAMPSON, GLASGOW.

Will you settle for Liverpool's Scottish international Peter Cormack, John?

Tottenham's

long-server

WHO has played the most games ever for Spurs, please?

PAUL WALTON, CHELMSFORD

Long-serving goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn holds that club record, Paul.

Tottenham was his only League club, and he was their recognised first-team keeper for the first 12 seasons after the war ended.

At the end of his stint in 1959, Ditchburn had totted-up 418 League games, plus 34 F.A. Cup-ties, for Spurs. He also gained six full England caps.

Stoke's

top striker

CAN you find out for me who's scored the most goals in a single League game for Stoke City, please?

WILLIAM GOWERS, LANCASTER

Neville Coleman holds that record, William — and he scored SEVEN goals in an 8-0 win over Lincoln on 23rd February, 1957.

Not only did it equal the individual record for any Second Division game, but it was also a new record for an orthodox winger in any Division.

SHORT PASSES

Manchester United 'keeper Alex Stepney has played just once for England — in the 3-1 win over Sweden at Wembley in May, 1968.

(OISIN MALIN, Dublin)

Although Brentford won every one of their 21 home Division Three (South) games in 1929-30, they still missed promotion by seven points.

(LIZ DEVANEY, Lee)

Tottenham's record win was by 13-2 against Crewe in a home 4th Round F.A. Cup replay on 3rd February, 1960.

(CHRISTOPHER UPPERTON, Guildford)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

Under D

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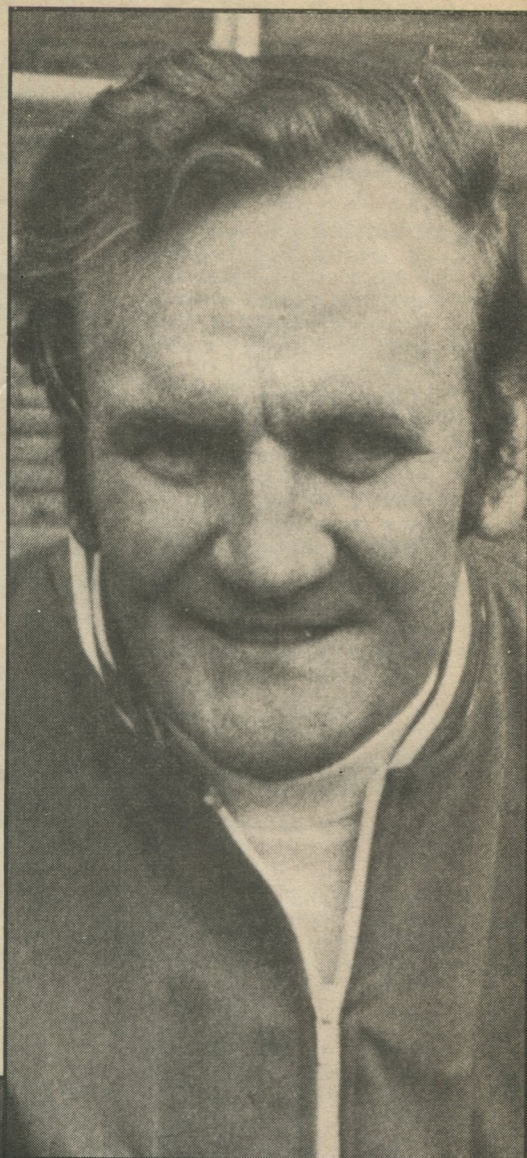
In three matches under Don Revie, England have won two and drawn the other ... without conceding a goal. The Don's demons are clearly putting England back in the limelight with the sort of goals, action, and results that could put his country back on top of the soccer world.



Against Czechoslovakia at Wembley in a European Championship match last October (left), Martin Dobson is robbed of a direct header at goal by Ivo Viktor. England won 3-0. Three weeks later v. Portugal (below) in the same competition, England fans failed to roar their heroes to another win, 'keeper Damas performing miracles in goal.



Against World Champions West Germany last month the new England gave their finest display to date winning 2-0.



SHOOT/GOAL: Sepp Maier, many European journalists dismissed England's win over West Germany last month as of no significance, because they claimed you weren't trying — what would you say to that?

MAIER: Absolute nonsense, since I'm not allowed bad language! Anyone who thinks we in West Germany would not give our utmost to beat England, especially at Wembley, simply hasn't looked at the history of meetings between our two sides. There is such a traditional rivalry there, the competition is so keen, that no one would treat this as simply a friendly match.

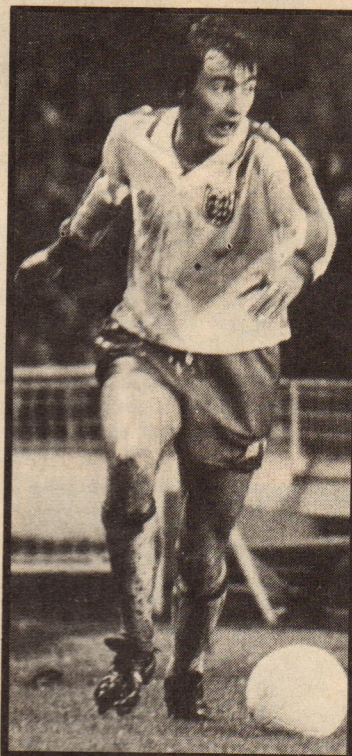
SHOOT/GOAL: So you would dismiss these suggestions that Germany did not worry about losing?

MAIER: We did not worry about losing, in the sense nothing hung on the result — that is to say, we were not deflated to the extent we would

RIGHT . . . The player Sepp Maier thought was tops against West Germany, new England star Alan Hudson.



This week Bayern Munich and West Germany goalkeeper SEPP MAIER talks to SHOOT/GOAL



have been in Mexico, say, in similar circumstances. But I can tell you from the conversation in the dressing-room before the game, we were very keyed up, and wanted to win.

SHOOT/GOAL: What was your impression of England's performance?

MAIER: I was greatly impressed. The great difference from England's showing in recent matches — and we in Germany have seen several on T.V., sometimes the whole game, sometimes just edited highlights — was that at long last you have found some players who could play in midfield. I've always felt England had a lot of stamina, and a lot of skill, but no real tactical direction. This was certainly present at Wembley last month.

SHOOT/GOAL: Would you pick out any players in particular?

MAIER: Yes, Alan Hudson. Hudson for me is a great player — perhaps not a Franz Beckenbauer, or a Gerd Müller, but someone who I would always like to see in my team . . . Bayern or West Germany. He has a

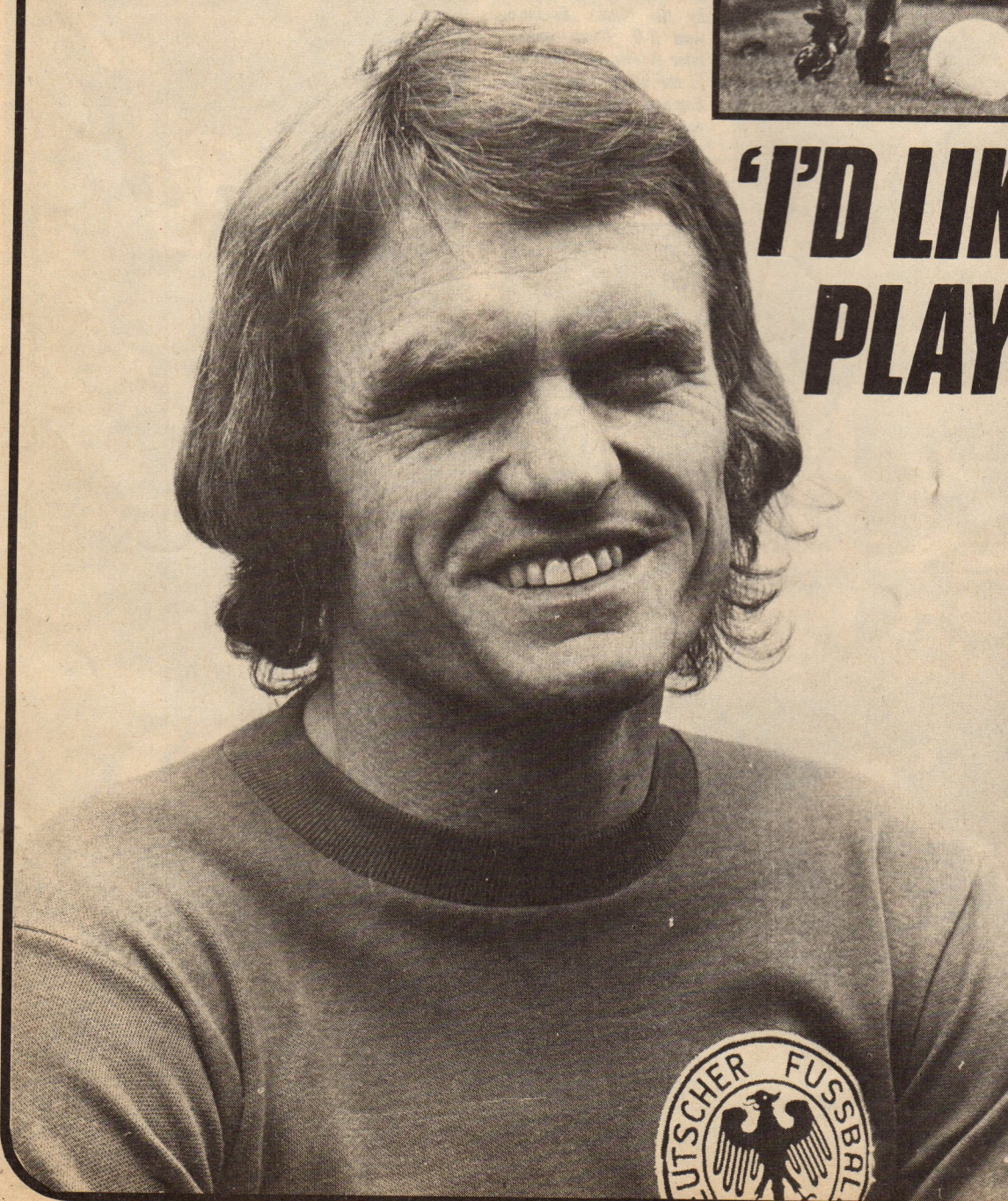
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touch of Franz's arrogance, and he struts around the field as though he owns it — but that's all to England's good. Hudson was for me the best player on the field.

SHOOT/GOAL: Anyone else?

MAIER: I also liked Malcolm MacDonald, the centre-forward. He doesn't waste time when he has the ball — he gets his head down and runs very strongly towards goal. It's very difficult to stop a player like that who can keep the ball close and uses his body well, like Müller, to throw opponents off balance. He also packs quite a shot — one I stopped made my hands sting!

SHOOT/GOAL: The West German team seems a little more vulnerable in defence than usual.

MAIER: You have to remember we are rebuilding a little, even though nine of the World Cup squad came to England for the match. It's inevitable there should be a certain lack of understanding, where players are not familiar with one another's style. It put a lot of pressure on Beckenbauer at the back, but for my money he coped with the problems extremely well.

SHOOT/GOAL: Will Germany rebuild the team even more dramatically before they come to defend their European Championship?

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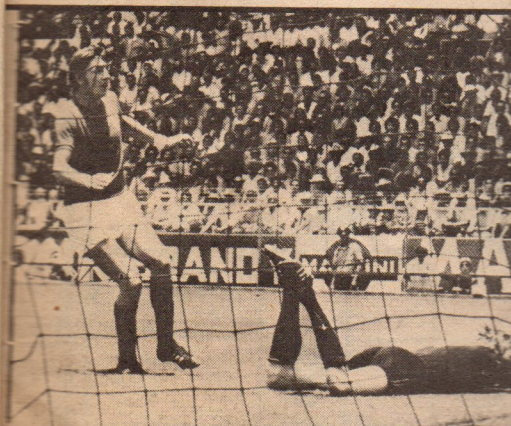
MAIER: I like the glamour, if you like, the prestige of being at the top and I like playing football. Almost every season over the past seven or

eight years either nationally or internationally you know what you want and can't give up.

SHOOT/GOAL: With you at Wembley last month?

MAIER: Good save! I have stopped a lot of shots.

SHOOT/GOAL: Should you be in the team next time?



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eight years I've won something, either with Bayern or with the national side. Success is like a drug, you know; once you've tasted it, you want more and more — you simply can't give it up.

SHOOT/GOAL: Were you happy with your own performance at Wembley?

MAIER: I thought I made some good saves, and I really couldn't have stopped either of the goals.

SHOOT/GOAL: Some thought you should have cut out that cross from

our own Alan Ball, that gave Malcolm Macdonald a free header.

MAIER: That would be taking the credit away from Ball, whose cross, in my opinion, was perfect. The ball hung so long in the air, and was spinning so much, I simply couldn't get close enough to make a satisfactory interception. All right, I suppose a goalkeeper must take the ultimate blame for these things, but Macdonald was given no opposition at all as he moved in, which meant he could place his header where he liked. After the game Franz Beckenbauer told me he didn't think I was at fault, and usually if he thinks I've made a bloomer, he lays it on thick, believe me!

SHOOT/GOAL: You've now played in a fair number of games against England — was this the best?

MAIER: By no means. I thought the game in Leon in the 1970 World Cup Finals was a great match, because of the way we came back from two goals down. Not just because we won, but because England played superbly well for an hour, then we played very well for the rest of the match. But, of course, I didn't play in the 1966 Final, and that was quite a thriller, too.

SHOOT/GOAL: Would you expect England and West Germany to figure prominently in the next World Cup?

MAIER: I don't see why not. For one thing I'm very doubtful personally if it will go to Argentina, and if it's played in Europe instead, both of us must have a great chance. I felt Germany and Holland managed last year to get the best of the skill of the Latins' game combined with our own willpower and stamina, and I'm

sure England are now on similar lines as well.

SHOOT/GOAL: Still, the World Cup is quite a way away, and for both countries the immediate problem is the European Championship. How do you see England's next match, against Cyprus?

MAIER: Oh, England should win at home by a big score, but from my own experience, these so-called little teams in Europe, like Malta, Cyprus and Albania, have an awkward habit of playing above themselves on the big occasion. For one thing, they have nothing to lose, and provided they are well-organised in defence, they can set the opposition a hard task. Most of them have hired professional coaches over the past few years, and they know most of the tricks for wasting time, obstructing opponents, and that sort of thing. That's why, in my opinion, you won't get many big scores in these games, and any sort of win should be regarded as satisfactory.

SHOOT/GOAL: But at Wembley England must be absolute certainities to win, surely ...

MAIER: I can tell you, there are no absolute certainties in football — but, yes, you are right about the game at Wembley. It's the return-leg in Cyprus I would be worried about, if I were you. It's going back a few years, but I've played on that Limassol pitch, and it's really impossible to play football on at all. Some of the best teams in the world, Italy, Spain, and ourselves, have really struggled to win there. And two World Cups ago we were given the fright of our lives by Cyprus playing at home: they hit the woodwork twice and we only won by a breakaway goal scored by Gerd Müller in the last minute. So England, be warned!



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'I WANT TO BE TOP OF THE LEAGUE HIT PARADE'

says Hereford's Dixie McNeil

THE target is in my sights and I aim to hit it... to be the top scorer in the Football League. All right, so I'm only with Third Division Hereford United. But take it from me, it's just as hard getting goals there as it is up among the big boys.

Nothing would give me a greater thrill than to be top of the hit parade in all four Divisions. It would prove to the doubters that teams lower down the scale give the public what they want — attacking football.

And, as I said, it is no easier scoring. Defences in the Third and Fourth Divisions don't take prisoners. You have to be brave to score and there is plenty of courage up front in the teams I play against.

Just look who is putting the pressure on me for that golden goals spot I want so much. Neck and neck with me at the beginning of April was Alan Buckley, who has been finding the net regularly for Walsall.

Right on our heels were Peter Eastoe (Swindon), Mel Holden, the tall Scot who plays for Preston, and

Billy Rafferty, another Scot who has helped to keep Plymouth in the promotion chase.

In the Fourth, Ray Clarke is popping them in regularly for Mansfield and Dick Habbins is doing likewise for Rotherham.

And higher up, there is Aston Villa's Ray Graydon, whose goal took the League Cup back to the Midlands, Ted MacDougall of Norwich and "Pop" Robson to think about. And Malcolm Macdonald of Newcastle who is always in the goal charts.

Help Needed

However, without meaning to sound boastful, I think I can do it. Things have gone well for me, two hat-tricks helped. But then Eric Redrobe broke a leg and I lacked someone to feed off. Now we have John Galley, from Nottingham Forest, and Nick Deacy.

They'll help me to achieve my ambition. And after all the disap-

pointments, I've had in the game you will perhaps forgive me for saying I deserve to do so.

For example, Leicester City took me from Melton Mowbray — more famous for pork pies than goalscorers — and later I was given a free transfer.

Next stop was Exeter, for whom I scored 11 goals in 33 League outings. They also gave me a "free".

"This must be the end," I thought. So I went non-League with Corby Town and scored 52 goals in my second season.

That brought in the scouts and Northampton took me back into League football by paying the Southern League side £5,000.

From then on it was a case of "double your money". Northampton sold me to Lincoln City for £10,000 and, in turn, they transferred me to Hereford for £20,000.

This is the highest Division in which I have played. At 28, I don't think I am too old to go further up the ladder.



GO FOR THE DOUBLE

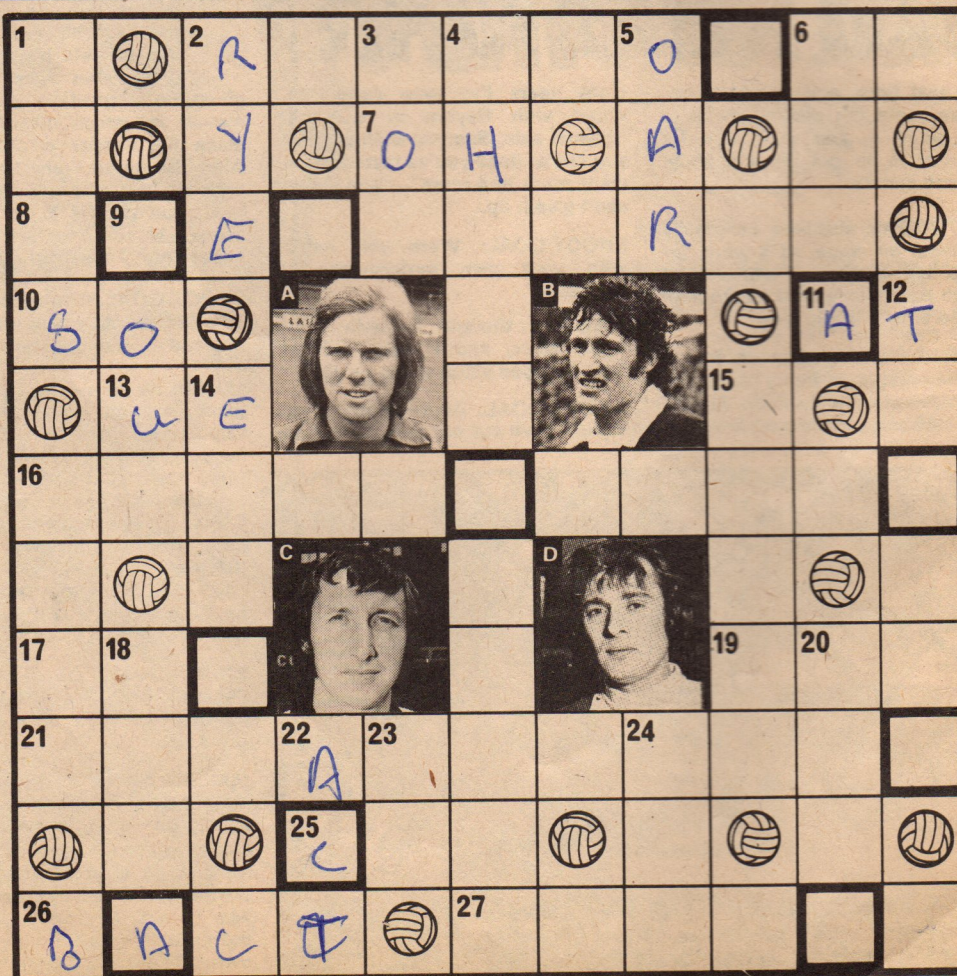
After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Queens Park Rangers full-back. Answers on page 34.

ACROSS:-

- (2) Derby County full-back shown in photo C. (3 & 6)
- (7) David J--nson of Ipswich.
- (8) Leicester City player formerly with Fulham. (5 & 5)
- (10) Graeme --ness of Middlesbrough.
- (11) W--ford, "The Hornets".
- (13) Selh--t Park, ground of clue 2 down.
- (16) Sheffield United's ground. (7 & 4)
- (17) Jimmy Ca-d-rwo-- of Birmingham City.
- (19) ---rton from Goodison Park.
- (21) Sunderland striker. (5 & 6)
- (25) Fulham, "The ---tagers".
- (26) Alan ---, Luton Town midfield star.
- (27) Archie ---, Birmingham defender in photo D.

DOWN:-

- (1) Allan ---, Carlisle United 'keeper.
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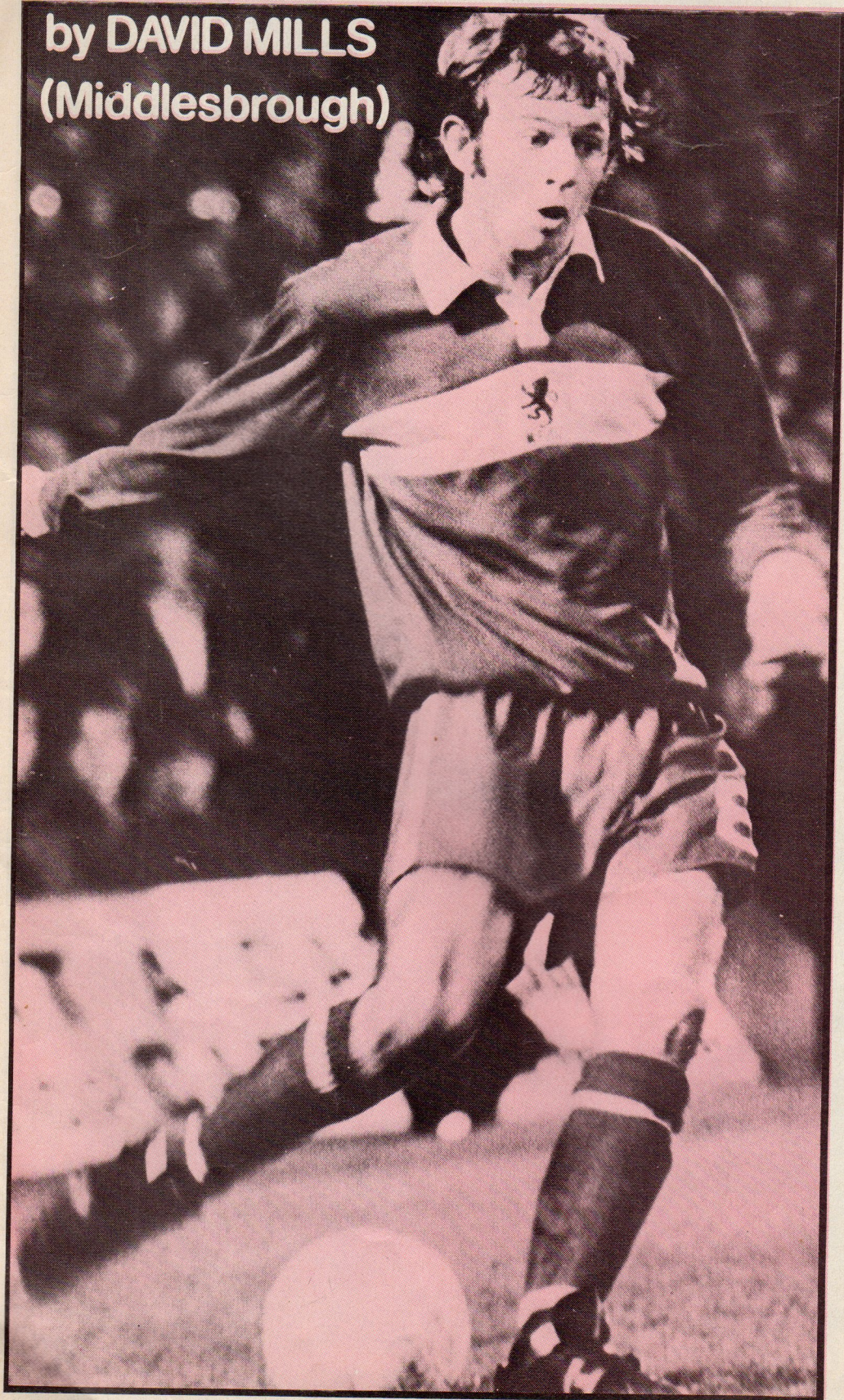
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(Middlesbrough)



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ASK SOME people for their opinion of Middlesbrough and they will tell you we are negative. Ask me and I'll tell you: they've got it all wrong.

That "negative" label was stamped on us last season. Yet we scored 77 goals — more than any other team in the top two Divisions. How can that be negative?

Our boss Jack Charlton has not tried to make us a defensive machine. He has merely organised us. Jack is a method man and his influence on us has been tremendous.

Now we are playing to our strengths. It is true we defend more capably than we attack. But we always break with speed and efficiency and we win many games with counter-attacks.

After missing out on a Division Two promotion spot so often in the past three or four years, this season is a bit of a dream.

The lads now want to emulate Leeds United who came up from the Second Division and dominated the First. But if we do half as well as they have in the last ten years, I'll be happy.

Right now my aim is to play in Europe. And I honestly believe I will be doing just that with Middlesbrough next season.

To be involved in European football year after year must be fantastic. It's something I have never experienced.

Moving Thought

Two years ago, after a string of disappointments, I would seriously have considered a move from Middlesbrough, my only club. Since then, however, the club has progressed swiftly. My future now is at Ayresome Park — but I'm not saying I'll be here for ever.

Naturally I want to play for England. I have taken a step in the right direction by winning five Under-23 caps and my sights are firmly set on a full cap.

Looking around, I can see a lot of rivals. There are so many good players battling for two or three places in the England front-line.

Mike Channon must be a certain choice and Kevin Keegan will surely be around. Then there's Malcolm Macdonald, Allan Clarke and Dave Johnson all pushing for places.

Orthodox wingers such as Dave Thomas must also be considered. My chances rest with Don Revie and with which system he decides to adopt.

Whatever happens on the international front, the remainder of this season holds a great deal of promise for me.

It's going to be a frantic finish for the League Championship race. And although we have dented our own chances by dropping some silly points, don't rule us out yet.

If we can pull something out of the bag, we will show our critics we don't deserve that negative tag.

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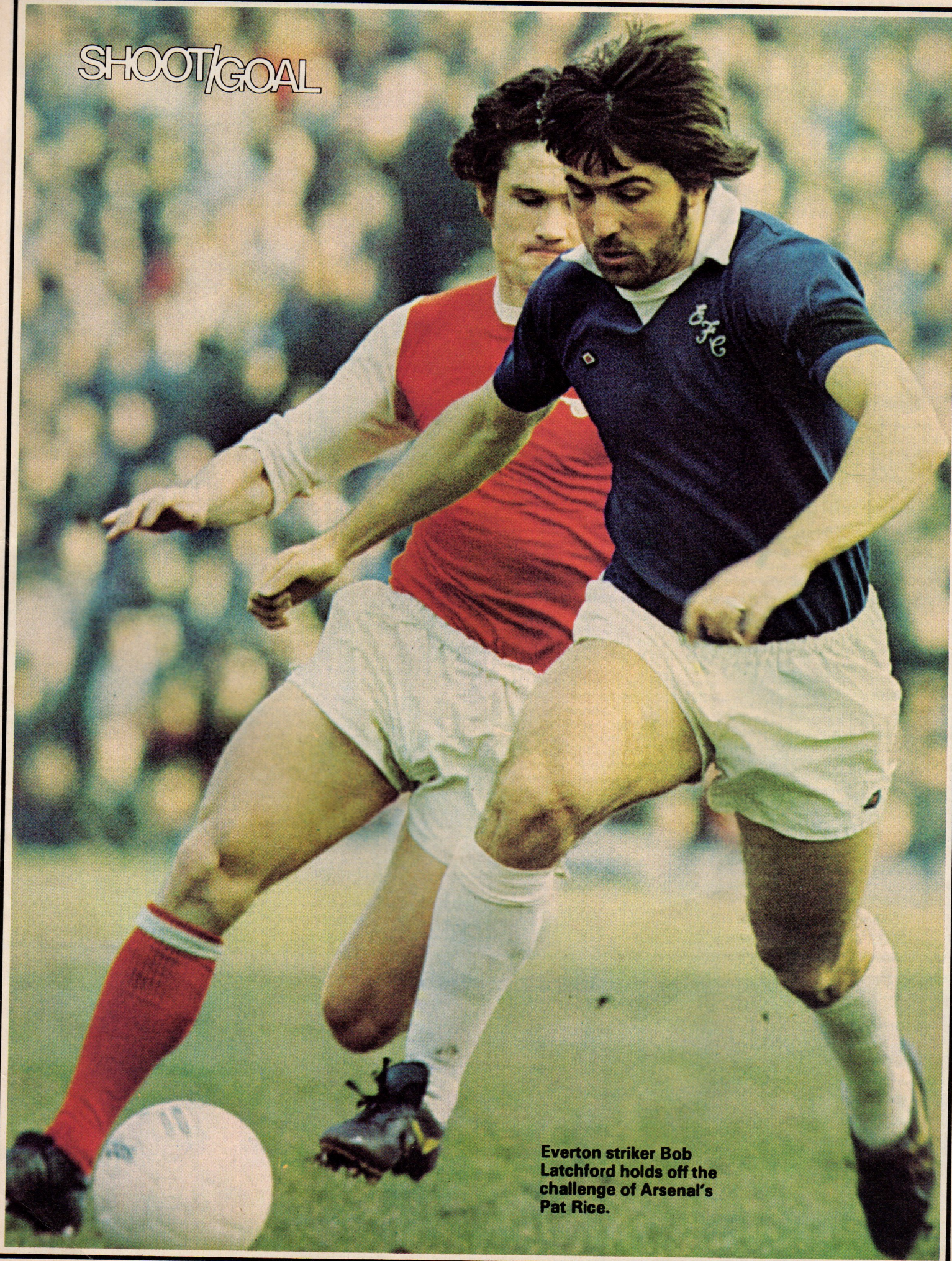


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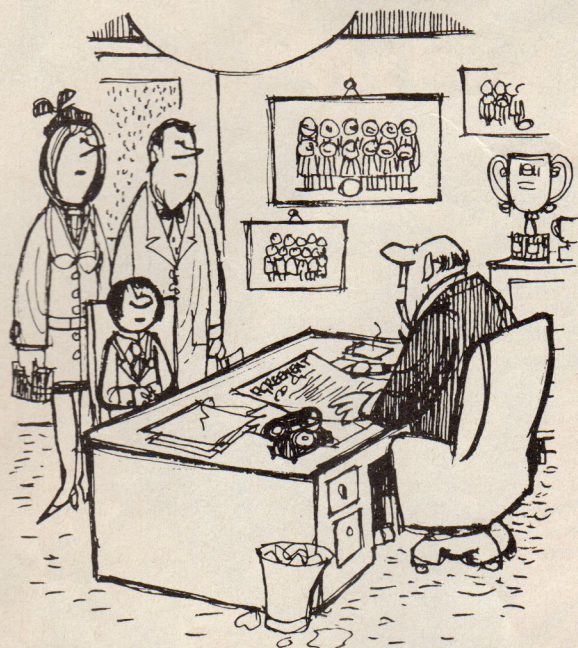
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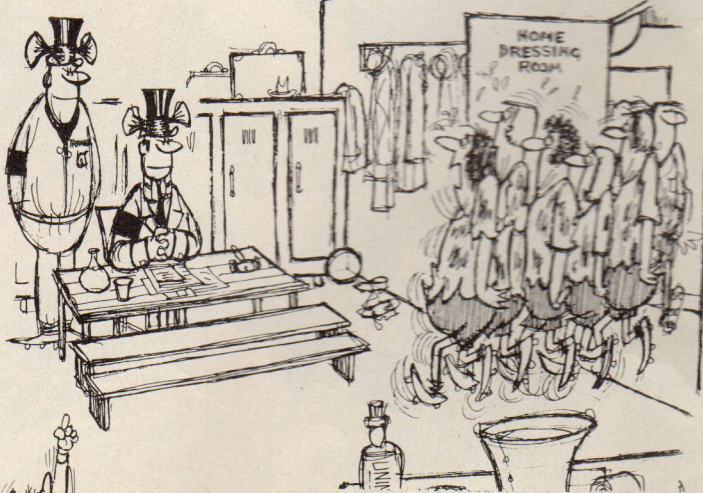
Football Funnies

This week Southampton star JIM McCALLIOG selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist STYX.

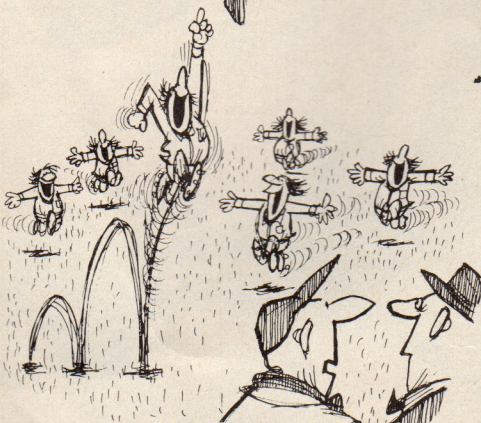


"Of course football offers him security when his playing days are over. Who knows? He might even become a manager"

"Oh, no! Not another half-time inquest!"



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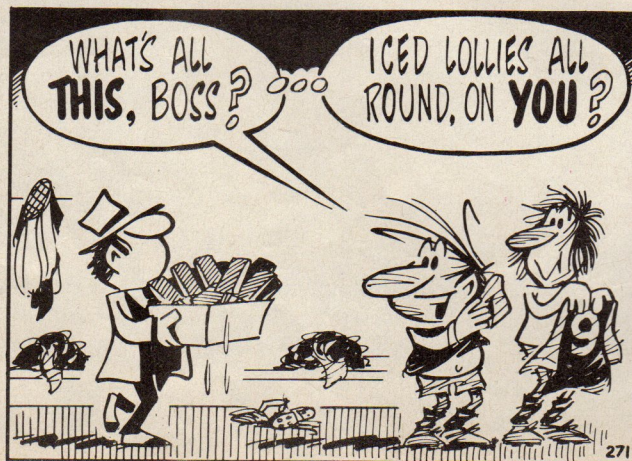


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"And I'm booking you as well for ducking underneath his punch"

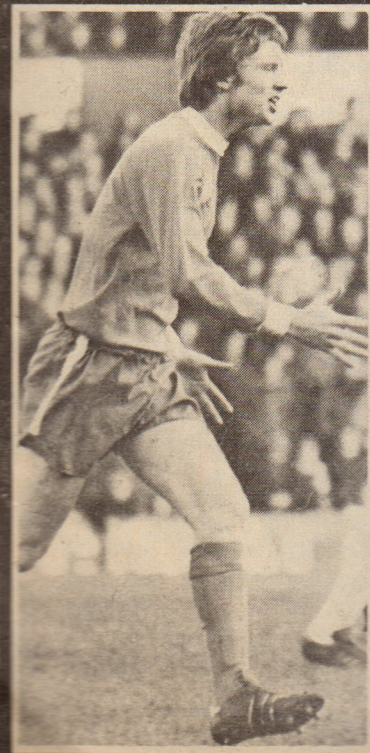
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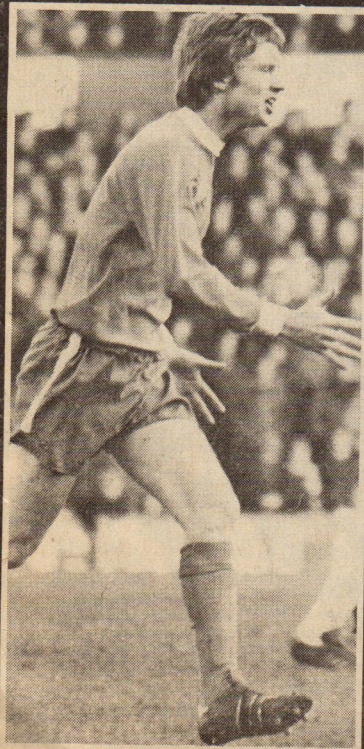
Delighted with his protege, manager Frizzell readily admitted Graham had surpassed the expectations of many people in the club. "He certainly surprised me and many others by the way he took his chance with both hands ... right from the beginning he looked as if he had been playing in the side for the last two years.

"He's carried on right through the season this way. Of course, he's had off days but I would estimate he has

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Opposing players like Frank Saul of Millwall have been quick to remark about Graham's potential and the story has been the same after most other games. This was evident in the match against Fulham, when Graham clashed with Alan Mullery and did extremely well, and also when they lost to Aston Villa and beat Manchester United both at home.

Don Revie watched Graham earlier in the season and must have been impressed. Jimmy Frizzell had no hesitation about putting young Graham in the category of Alan Ball.

"Although he hasn't got Alan's experience he demonstrates, week after week, a tremendous enthusiasm to win the ball and he has the same sort of pace and build as Alan ... coincidentally they both have red hair!"

Frizzell is pleased the fans are appreciating Graham's efforts. "Ninety-nine per cent of the fans are behind him ... you always get a minority who are not sure and have reservations about any player.

"He gets up tremendously well in the air, has good vision and has a 100 per cent work-rate. If he has a fault in his game it is, perhaps, he doesn't get into the penalty-box enough — he's probably more a maker of goals than he is a taker of goals.

"Still, it is his first season and he has a lot to learn and a long way to go. Graham is a sensible lad fortunately and, if he shows this season's dedication in the next few years, he could easily become one of the game's top stars."

Why Frank McLintock is a fan of MIKE STRINGFELLOW... the quiet man of Leicester

HIS name never makes the headlines. The reason is easy to find if you know Mike Stringfellow, tall, leggy forward who has been with Leicester City for 13 years.

Stringfellow is so quiet and unobtrusive, that he gives you the impression he would like to wear carpet slippers in the dressing-room so as not to make too much noise.

While others get on with the shouting and the headline hogging, 31-year-old Stringfellow just carries on doing his best for City. He had played only one first-team match by the middle of March.

Yet there was no bleating, no cries of discontent at having to play in the reserves. And when he was recalled to first-team duty he scored what could become Leicester's most vital goal of the season (pictured below).

It was at White Hart Lane on February 22, and City desperately needed to beat fellow relegation strugglers Tottenham.

Recalls manager Jimmy Bloomfield: "We won 3-0, but Mike got the opening goal and it was vital to score first in a match of that importance.

"I mean it when I say Mike's goal could go down as the most crucial one of our season."

Stringfellow, bought from Mansfield for a modest fee, has now played over 300 League matches for City and is thinking about quitting

the game — quietly, of course.

Quietly efficient, but his colleagues were not slow to notice the influence of Stringfellow. And his courage. Ian King, centre-half in Leicester's 1961 and 1963 F.A. Cup Final teams, was always campaigning for more credit for Stringfellow.

Frank McLintock, also a double Finalist with Leicester, captain of Arsenal's Double-winning side and now with Q.P.R., is another member of the Stringfellow fan club.

Says Frank: "He's a great guy to have in your team. He never loses his cool, never fusses and his contribution to the side has never been fully realised by the supporters."

'Big Moment'

Looking back on his stay at Filbert Street, Stringfellow says: "Without any doubt the big moment was playing against Manchester United in the 1963 F.A. Cup Final. We were well beaten because United were really in top gear.

"But, win or lose, no player can forget the honour, the thrill and the experience of playing at Wembley."

Naturally, a courageous player such as Stringfellow picks up his share of injuries. On the day City were playing an F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Barnsley during the 1968-69 competition he was undergoing the first of two cartilage operations on his right knee.

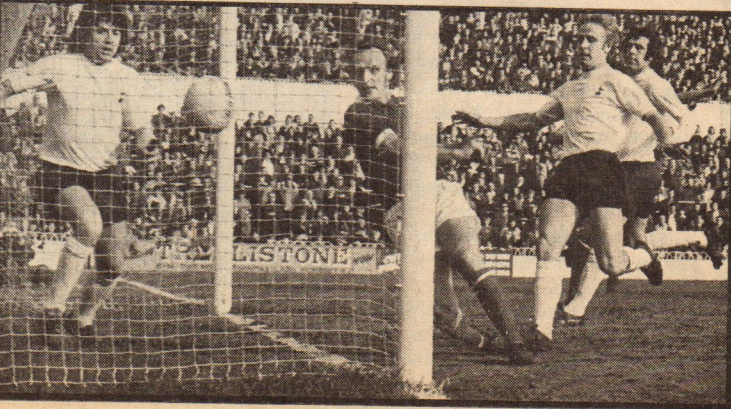
That ruled him out of Leicester's third Cup Final appearance — this time against Manchester City.

Then he had Achilles tendon trouble and was on the sidelines for a total of almost two years. "My knee still means I must take it easy before and after matches," he adds, almost apologetically. "But I do my best."

He can say that again. "I don't think you could find a more willing player," says manager Bloomfield. "He's a player's player, a manager's player. I wish he were four years younger and hadn't received those injuries."



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Scotland's Under-23 side take on Sweden's youngsters in the afternoon, and a few hours later in the same town the two senior

match in Sweden.

Firstly, Willie Ormond may take this opportunity to blood new players ... to get together a side strong enough to face the very tough task of qualifying for the final stages of the European Championship.

Following those disappointing results against Spain, Scotland must now win all four of our

in our Football League are at the moment settling this season's honours list.

The Swedish campaign, though, is just getting underway again after their close-season.

Because of the severe winter weather conditions in Scandinavia, Sweden, like several other European countries, operate a spring to autumn season.

This didn't prove an obstacle for their national team last summer, who like Scotland reached the World Cup Finals.

Scotland failed to make the Second Round, but Sweden progressed in their qualifying Group after drawing 0-0 with Bulgaria and the favoured Holland and beating Uruguay 3-0.

One of the best games of the

Sweden manager Georg Ericsson still in charge.

'Two wins for Scotland in Sweden'

on the ball with

BILLY BREMNER

eleven clash.

In charge of the Under-23's will be Britain's most successful manager, Celtic's Jock Stein.

The Big Man's appointment raised many a Scottish eyebrow and started the rumour that he was about to take over from Willie Ormond as Scotland's full-time boss.

It's not for me to comment on Jock Stein's future. I'll leave that to the Press and the powers that be at the Scottish F.A.

I do know, though, that Jock has recently stated publicly he has no wish to leave Celtic.

"So long as I feel I have something to contribute — and my directors feel I have something to contribute — then I will be happy to stay," said the big fellow.

"The S.F.A. approached Celtic for my services for this one occasion in Sweden because of the obvious problems a 'double bill' of this kind would create for Willie Ormond.

"But I repeat, my commitment is for this one match. No other proposition has been put to me, suggested to me, or even hinted at by the S.F.A."

Well, that should scotch all those rumours once and for all.

As for me, I'll play for my country any time no matter who's in charge.

At the time of writing I have no idea if I'll even be called up for the

remaining matches with Denmark and Rumania and hope the Spaniards fail miserably in the three games they have to play.

This friendly against the Swedes next week is so important. Like me and the rest of the squad, Mr Ormond will admit that Scotland's chances of qualifying are slim, but we will not give up hope until the last matches in our Group are played.

Another reason why I might not be chosen to play in Gothenburg is Leeds United's fixture problem.

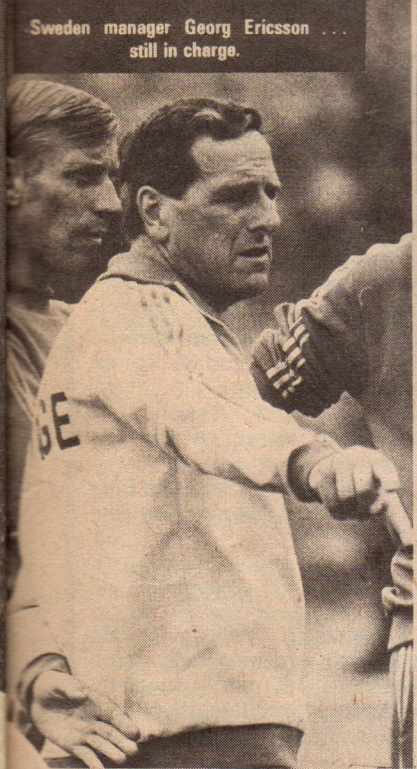
With so many important games left, my club manager Jimmy Armfield may well request that no Leeds players be selected.

Naturally I'd love to play in Scotland's second friendly of the season — remember we beat East Germany 3-0 at Hampden last October — but as I've said circumstances may decide otherwise.

Scotland's record against Sweden didn't take me long to look up in my reference book — we've only played them twice before, losing 3-1 in Stockholm in May, 1952 and 2-1 a year later at Hampden Park.

Incidentally, playing in the number four shirt for Scotland in 1952 was a young Preston wing-half winning just his third full cap. His name? Tommy Docherty, now manager of Manchester United, of course.

United and the other 91 clubs



ABOVE (left) are

Sweden manager Georg Ericsson ... still in charge.

tournament came when Sweden met West Germany in torrential rain in Dusseldorf.

Ralf Edström put Sweden ahead with a tremendous volley before West Germany's strength and character finally began to tell.

Despite another fine goal by Roland Sandberg the eventual World Champions won 4-2.

Sweden surprised most critics in the World Cup and they finished the competition in fifth place. A just reward for their skill, organisation and fitness.

Their team-work was first-class and they had several outstanding

and eye-catching individuals.

Roland Sandberg, reckoned to be the fastest forward in Europe, proved he has speed AND excellent ball-control.

Ralf Edström was a revelation in the air and on the ground, scoring some fine goals like that one against West Germany.

In goal was Ronnie Hellström, who many critics thought was the best 'keeper in the series.

Ronnie joined the West German club IFC Kaiserslautern just before the Finals. I bet he kicked himself for not delaying his signing because his brilliant form

would surely have enabled him to get a better deal!

Unfortunately for Sweden, lucky for Scotland, most of their best players are with foreign clubs in Germany, Holland and Switzerland.

Stars like Edström, with P.S.V. Eindhoven (Holland) aren't released for friendly games, so Sweden's team next week will be made up of home-based players.

Like Scotland, Sweden's results since the World Cup Finals have been disappointing.

Their first was a disastrous 5-1 defeat by Holland in front of their own fans, followed by a 2-0 European Championship defeat by Northern Ireland.

At the moment Sweden are bottom of their qualifying Group Three, behind Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland and Norway.

As with Willie Ormond, Sweden boss Georg Ericsson may field something of an experimental side next week, choosing this game to introduce new faces.

Willie and Sweden's manager have something in common. Out of all the 16 nations that appeared in the World Cup Finals only four now have the same manager.

Scotland and Sweden, Helmut Schoen (West Germany), and Georg Buschner (East Germany).

One Problem

I'm always optimistic when Scotland take the field and I can't see them or our Under-23 team losing in Gothenburg next week.

Our only problem is the goal-keeping spot. As you know, regular 'keeper Dave Harvey of Leeds is still recovering from injury.

Maybe Willie Ormond will bring in Stewart Kennedy, the goalkeeper Rangers bought from Stenhousemuir last season.

Kennedy is about 24 or 25 and was one of the two "over age" players to win an Under-23 cap against England last December.

Just a brief word now about Leeds United's match on Saturday (April 12th) — against Arsenal at Highbury.

We beat them 2-0 at Elland Road last October and 2-1 in last season's corresponding match at Highbury.

I always enjoy playing Arsenal at Highbury. A famous ground, bags of atmosphere, a large crowd, in fact all the ingredients for a great game.

I hope it is, with Leeds just getting the edge.

See you next week ...

Billy Bremner



ABOVE ... Stars like Ralf Edström (left) aren't released from their clubs for friendly games.

BELOW ... Ove Grahn in action against Holland in the World Cup Finals, where Sweden showed very good form.



This week's Star Letter comes from Andrew Christopher of Knowle, who wins our Special Prize of £2. He writes:

SEED TEAMS IN F.A. CUP

IT IS time the F.A. Cup was seeded, like tennis tournaments. It is ridiculous that Ipswich had to play Wolves, Liverpool, Aston Villa and Leeds while teams like Fulham and Birmingham had much weaker opposition.

I feel the F.A. Cup is slightly

degraded when clubs such as Second Division Sunderland win it.

I say seed the top teams to keep them apart until later in the tournament.

Sorry, Andrew, I don't agree. The so-called weak teams are often harder to beat than the top clubs. This season we have had several instances of non-Leaguers causing shocks. The F.A. Cup has a magic all of its own and part of this magic is that smaller sides often upset the "big boys". Long may they continue to do so! — Ed.



Leeds in F.A. Cup action v. Ipswich Town.

Sub Poser

IN A match where two substitutes are allowed (European games, internationals, etc) can a manager take off a sub if he is playing badly and replace him with another sub?

JAMES CURTIS, SWINDON.

Yes, James. It has happened, but not very often. — Ed.

Costly Soccer

AS A West Ham supporter, it costs me 50p to see The Hammers at Upton Park.

If, as seems inevitable, prices are increased, it means I'll be able to go only once a month.

Putting up prices will be bad for business and attendances will surely drop.

ALAN DAWSON, BASILDON.

Unfortunately, Alan, inflation has hit clubs hard... increased costs of travel alone this season has added substantially to their expenditure. Our football is still very cheap to watch compared with the Continent. — Ed.

Don't Go, Joe

IN OUR March 15th issue we asked Newcastle United fans

what they thought of the criticism of manager Joe Harvey by a reader. Here is a selection of replies:

I'm surprised someone criticised Joe Harvey. No team can be expected to be top of the League all the time. Mr Harvey should stay with the club.

KEVIN JACKSON, WHITLEY BAY.

If Newcastle had a decent manager I couldn't see them losing very often, if at all.

DAN BRIGHT, RUGBY.

I can't believe the majority of fans want Joe to go, not after the work he has put in at the club as player and manager.

STUART EXLEY, EASTCHURCH.

Newcastle's poor form this season has been due to an incredible string of injuries. This isn't Harvey's fault.

KEITH JAMIESON, HARTLEPOOL.

Why Boo Billy?

TO ME, Billy Bremner is the best player in Britain, yet invariably he is booed on away grounds.

I could understand this if he was a dirty player.

If fans can't appreciate talent when they see it, they shouldn't bother to go to matches.

PETER O'SULLIVAN, MAIDSTONE.

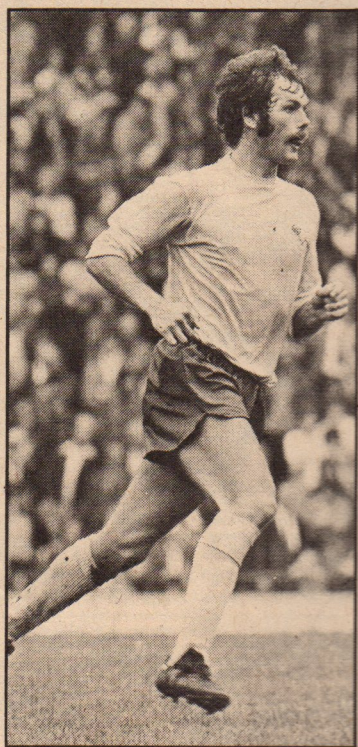
Many top players have this sort of experience, Peter. I think most of it is jealousy. I bet the fans who boo Billy would love to have him in their side. — Ed.

Deserves Praise

NOT enough praise has been given to Derby stopper Peter Daniel. When Roy McFarland is fit again, he'll have trouble winning back his first-team spot permanently.

P. WILLS, BRIXHAM.

I agree. Peter (below) has had a fine season and it is wrong to call him a "stand-in". — Ed.



Strike Up The Band

I WAS most impressed with the band that played constantly throughout the Anderlecht/Leeds European Cup-tie.

I hope English fans take up this tuneful way of showing support in the future.

RICHARD PUGH, CAWTHORNE.

It could be rather noisy if you're standing near them, Richard. But what do other readers think? — Ed.

Carlisle's Flair

I HAVE been fortunate enough to see Manchester City play all the top clubs this season... Everton, Liverpool, Leeds etc.

Although the matches were very entertaining, the most attractive opponents at Maine Road have been Carlisle United.

They played with the kind of flair football cries out for... their attacking brand of soccer was a joy to watch.

It is a pity Carlisle are doomed to return to Division Two.

This is a shame because they will be a big loss to the top flight.

B. LYNCH, MANCHESTER 14.

I haven't seen Carlisle involved in an unexciting game all season. Their ambitious style has been a credit to them and Division One. — Ed.

Pen-Pals

I WOULD like an English penpal about my age (14) who supports Birmingham or Manchester United.

JORN KONGSORE, PROST CHRISTIES, VE1 14C 1377 HOSLE, NORWAY

I AM an 18-year-old Norwegian boy and would like a penpal who follows Spurs.

KNUT AAGE STRAND, ST. HANSVEIEN 26B, 1700 SARPSBORG, NORWAY.

Car Team

HOW about this team of "cars" to play a match: Hunter (Celtic); Bentley (Blackpool); Cooper (Middlesbrough); Morris (Norwich); McLaren (Motherwell); Riley (Bury); Morgan (Man Utd); Ford (Hearts); Martin (Nottm Forest); Hudson (Stoke) and Aston (Luton).

ANDREW LANDAU, ST. ANNES-ON-SEA.

No doubt they would be managed by Don Revie, Andrew! — Ed.

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Terry Wels

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took on the job full-time he has changed the whole scene. To think he had never been fully involved in the professional game before, he has done a remarkable job. He has worked

hard at it and the boys have really taken to him."

But will the Welsh, with their limited resources, remain the also-rans in the Home Championships?

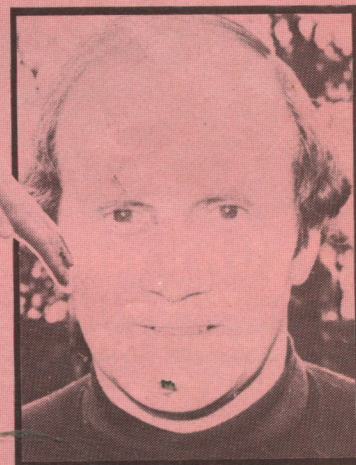
"I don't think so. Obviously we're restricted because of the size of the country, and the fact so many boys turn to rugby, but I've a strong feeling we're going to do well.

"In our last matches we should have won in Austria, we beat Hungary and we thrashed Luxembourg.

"We were a goal up in Austria and missed a chance to make it 2-0. Then we let them come back into the game. But it was still a good performance.

"The Hungarians may not be the side they once were, but they still take some beating, and we did well to overcome them.

"And while Luxembourg are rated among the minnows of football they came with everything to gain and nothing to lose, yet we played some beautiful football and ran them off the park."



"Wales manager Mike Smith (above) has worked hard at his new job and the players have really taken to him," says new skipper Terry Yorath (left).

Terry believes we could see the best of the Welsh within 12 months.

"We have the right blend at the moment. The experienced players such as Rod Thomas, John Roberts, John Toshack and Arfon Griffiths are playing well and youngsters such as Brian Flynn, Leighton James (still in his early 20's), Dave Smallman and Joey Jones — to say nothing of me (I'm still only 24), are improving all the time.

"I think we may qualify for the European Championship Quarter-Finals, and now we have buckled down to it, I am sure we will get better results."



CARRYING BRITAIN'S COLOURS

OUR international stars will be parading in their respective colours this week with one aim in mind: to make Britain a great power in the world of soccer once again. Here we line-up four of the men likely to play key roles in the mission that's far from impossible.





ALAN HUDSON: Alan (above in action against Franz Beckenbauer at Wembley) will find it difficult to better his full international debut against reigning World Champions West Germany. But the Stoke City midfield star has the skills to maintain the high standards he set himself last month. Surely a "must" for the game against Cyprus, Alan seems set for a long and successful international career.

ROD THOMAS: Formerly with Swindon Town but now an established First Division star with Derby County, Welsh full-back Rod (far left) has won over 30 caps for his country. No doubt he'll be lining up for The Welsh Dragons away in Hungary next week.

SAMMY McILROY: One of Division Two's most exciting strikers (second left), the Manchester United and Northern Irish forward is certain to be one of his country's "firing squad" against Yugoslavia next week.

TOMMY HUTCHISON: Scotland manager Willie Ormond may decide to experiment in the friendly against Sweden. Yet in the Scots' last game, against Spain in Valencia, they played well, especially in midfield where Tommy (left) starred.



YOU ARE THE REF

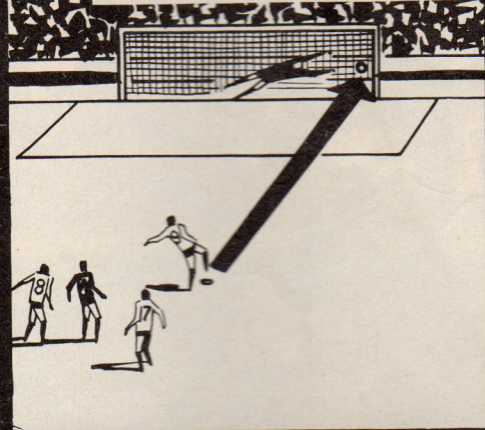


● Compiled by STAN LOVER, Chairman of the London Referees' Society

1 The match ball, which is white, is punctured. The only replacement is brown. Do you (a) abandon the match, (b) use the brown ball or (c) wait until the white ball is repaired?



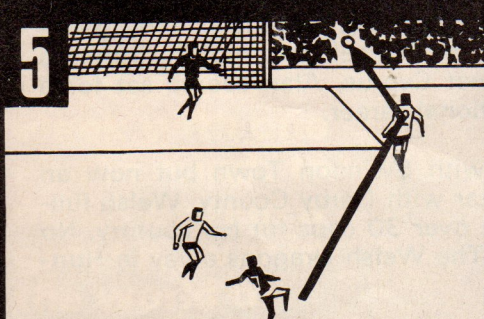
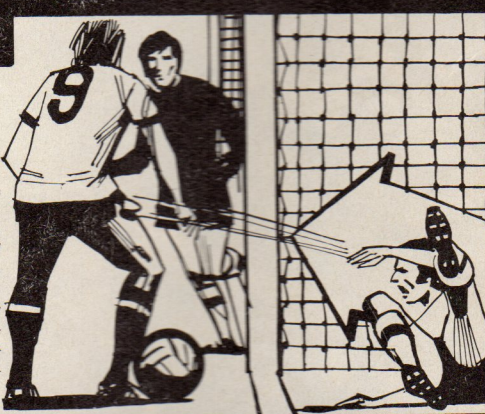
2 Before a penalty-kick is taken, two attackers and one defender encroach into the penalty-area. The ball goes direct into goal. Do you (a) award a goal (b) have the penalty retaken or (c) award a free-kick to the defending team?



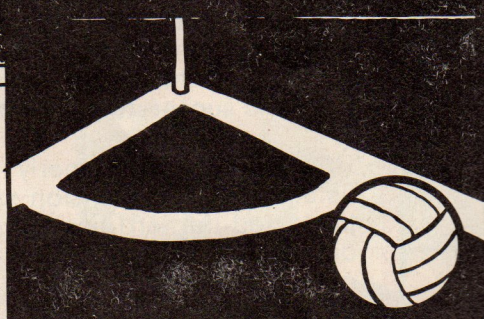
3 A goalkeeper deliberately wastes time by throwing the ball several times against the crossbar. Do you (a) award an indirect free-kick, (b) a penalty kick or (c) drop the ball?



4 A defender has been charged, fairly, over his goal-line. When off the pitch he throws a stone at the opponent. The ball is in the defender's penalty-area. After stopping play and dismissing the defender do you restart with (a) a penalty-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a drop ball?



A: An attacker shoots for goal. The ball is clearly missing the goal when it is deflected, accidentally, by a defender over the goal-line. You decide to award a corner-kick.



B: The corner-kick is taken quickly but the ball was placed outside the corner quadrant. You stop play and award an indirect free-kick on the quadrant to the defending team.



C: The defender, taking the free-kick, slices the ball over the touch-line before it has travelled its circumference. You award a throw-in.
(Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

corner-kick decision. In C a throw-in is the correct decision. In A the fact that the deflection was accidental does not change the he is not penalised with a free-kick. The corner-kick must be retaken. Although the attacker has kicked the ball from an incorrect position. ball (c) where it was when play was stopped. 5. The problem is in B.

1. Law 2 does not require the ball to be any specific colour. The brown ball should be used (b) provided it complies with the points covered in the Law. 2. The penalty-kick must be retaken (b). The players should also be cautioned for encroachment. 3. Award an indirect free-kick (a) as required by Law 12:5b. 4. Because the offence occurred off the pitch play must be restarted by dropping the



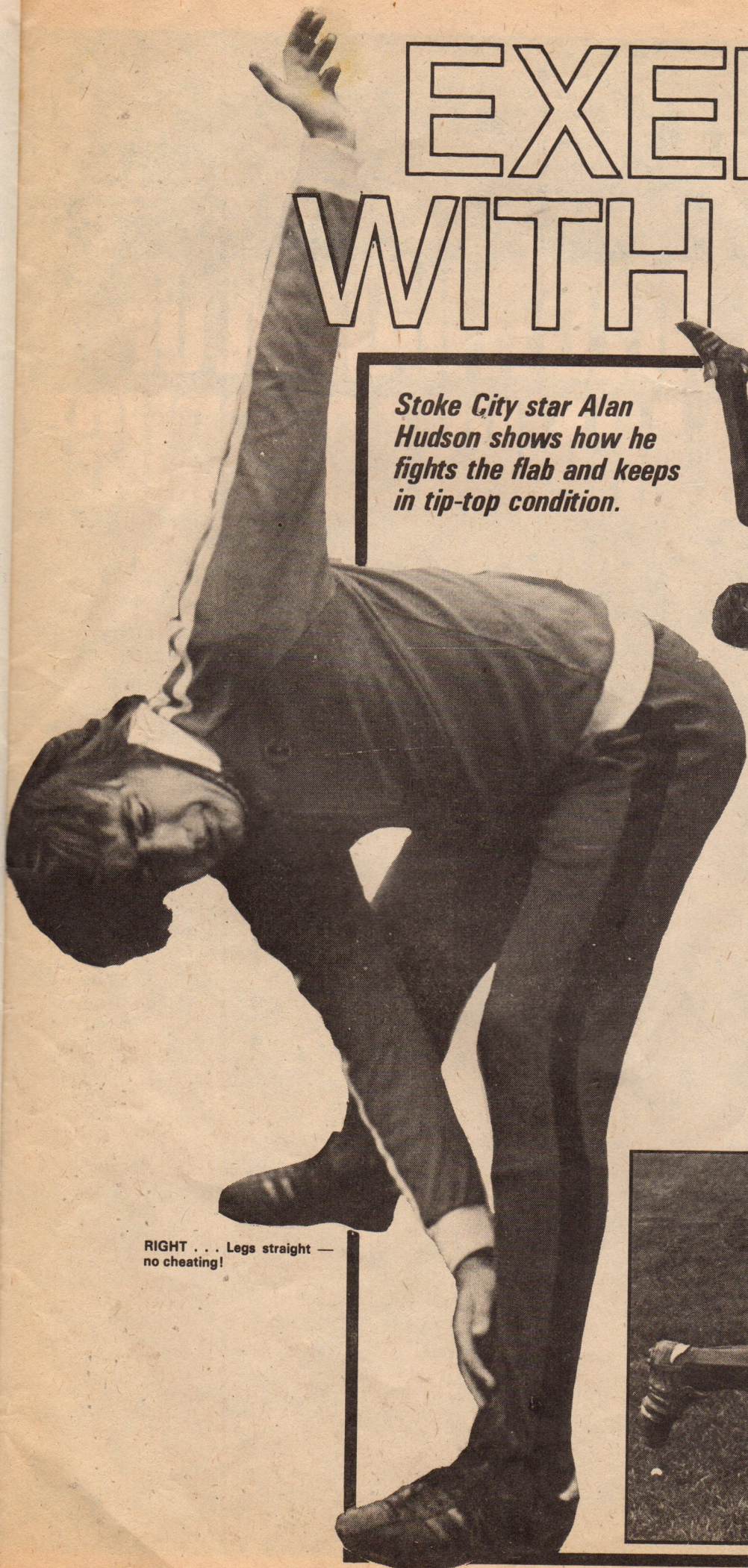
RIGHT . . . Legs straight — no cheating!

EXERCISE WITH ALAN

Stoke City star Alan Hudson shows how he fights the flab and keeps in tip-top condition.

LEFT . . . Some "cycle kicks" to warm up.

RIGHT . . . S-t-r-e-t-c-h those legs slowly to start with.



RIGHT . . . Legs straight — no cheating!



LEFT . . . Hands above head to strengthen back muscles.
BELOW . . . Alan supports his back to avoid strain.



AFTER England's marvellous 2-0 win over West Germany last month, certain newspaper critics tried to belittle us by labelling it a hollow victory because the World Champions weren't trying. Ridiculous! Not only is the accusation an insult to us, it's a slur on the reputation of Franz Beckenbauer and his team-mates.

They were trying, all right. Their standing as World Cup-holders, the intense rivalry between the two countries, their natural characteristic of never admitting defeat — just three reasons why they were determined to get a good result against us.

The Germans failed to reach the peak of performance they displayed in last year's World Cup Finals solely due to the fact we outclassed them, prevented them from getting into their usual stride. I was out there on the pitch. I saw how desperately they tried to establish a rhythm.

To accuse Emperor Franz and his troops of not extending themselves is absurd and unfair. The critics would never dare say that about an England team.

No, on the night we were the better team, dominant in every department. That win could prove to be a turning point for our foot-

ball. It did wonders for our confidence.

To beat the best in the world with a young inexperienced team was a wonderful, up-lifting tonic for our football, and shows just what strength in depth we now have.

I was prepared to be impressed by many, if not all, the players on

the German team. Instead, aside from Franz and Berti Vogts, I found myself admiring the skills of my countrymen.

"Kaiser", as the German skipper is nicknamed, dispelled all the stories that he was "finished" and no longer on good terms with his team-mates.

He was under a tremendous

amount of pressure, and apart from having to resort to handling the ball to stop Malcolm MacDonald getting a clear run at goal, he played an immaculate sweeper role.

It's a great tribute to us that not once was he able to break out and make one of his deadly thrusts at our goal.

'WE NEED A HATFUL OF GOALS AGAINST CYPRUS'

'A team of eleven Berti Vogtses would be unbeatable'



keep up with

KEVIN KEEGAN



'There could be changes in the England line-up next Wednesday'

The team Don Revie fielded against the West Germans.

Berti Vogts — the little blond defender who took the sting out of Johan Cruyff in the World Cup Final — showed all his skill and fighting spirit.

Give me eleven Berti Vogtses and I'll give you a team no other side on this earth could ever beat.

As for the other nine Germans they didn't get much of a look-in owing to the sparkling form struck by our eleven white-shirted wonders. I'm including my Liverpool team-mate Ray Clemence, who was so under-worked he could have sat in the stand.

I talked last week of the dream-like debuts made by Ian Gillard, Steve Whitworth and Alan Hudson, whose performances have ensured they will figure in manager Don Revie's plans for several years to come.

I was particularly pleased for them and Malcolm Macdonald. Before the game, Supermac was up against the problem I once had. He'd proved himself in League football, but couldn't establish himself in the international sphere.

Now he's well on his way to being accepted, thanks to that spectacular goal he headed past Sepp Maier.

Another big hit for us was Alan Ball, whose selection as captain was heavily criticised in some quarters. For me, he was the obvious choice amongst the players in the squad. Everyone else was either too inexperienced or too quiet.

Ballie — someone you either love or hate — and I don't have to

tell you my feelings about him — showed all the qualities of a born leader.

Weak Side

That cross he made from the far right on to Supermac's head for the second goal should appear in every football instruction book for all time. It was inch-perfect!

Ballie proved his critics wrong in the only possible way — by putting on a faultless show out there on a heavy Wembley pitch that made life especially difficult for little players like him and me.

There was one very noticeable difference in the way England played. Previously we've started off in a great rush, attacking flat-out for a long period and more often than not failing to get a goal. Knowing this tactic, opposing teams have just concentrated on shutting up shop and hoping we'll burn ourselves out.

Against the Germans we played much more patiently. We varied the pace, resisting the temptation to pump up long balls in the hope that someone would knock one in, and instead concentrated on keeping possession until a definite goal chance was on.

The sort of waiting game that every team has to perfect nowadays if it hopes to succeed in today's sophisticated soccer.

Played badly, of course, as it is by some Italian teams, it can be a big yawn. At its best, it gets results and pleases the paying customers.

We're all hoping to continue

where we left off next Wednesday, against Cyprus in our important European Championship tie, but it's on the cards that several of us could be dropped to make way for those players who, due to F.A. Cup replays, were unavailable for the German game.

My main rival is Allan Clarke, who needs no introduction, a world class striker whose game is known inside-out by the boss. I couldn't lose my place to a better player or a nicer bloke. Even so, fingers crossed I get the nod and he gets the sub's tracksuit.

Ian Gillard and Steve Whitworth could lose out to Kevin Beattie and Paul Madeley. I expect Ballie to be captain again, but unfortunately his inclusion could spoil the chances of my team-mate Emlyn Hughes.

Alan Hudson — man of the match against Germany — must surely get another run-out, and so must Malcolm Macdonald.

I thought Supermac summed up the situation of players striving to establish themselves when he said in a recent interview: "All I want is to be put in for at least four consecutive games and I'll deliver the goals."

And we'll be needing a hatful of goals against a team that is, without being disrespectful, the weakest team in our Group.

If two teams tie after all matches are played, the one with the biggest goal difference will go through to the Quarter-Finals.

So, as it was with Scotland in the World Cup where Brazil and

Yugoslavia qualified for the Second Round, due to having scored more against little Zaire, the final outcome could rest on who puts most balls into the Cypriot net.

Like Scotland, we are the first to meet the weak side, who invariably play their best football at the beginning of a competition. Trouble is, no matter how many goals we score, we won't know if they'll be enough.

Five sounds a reasonable target.

We won't make the mistake of underrating the Cypriots. They're a proud people and football is in their blood.

At the backs of our minds will be the spectre of Poland, the unfancied side that knocked England out of the World Cup and went on to astonish the world even more by finishing third in the Finals.

On the Saturday before the England game, I hope to be playing for Liverpool against Carlisle at Anfield and helping The Reds to a League "double" over the men from Border country.

They're a good footballing side and they'll fight like fury, even though they are doomed to relegation. Only a few weeks ago they shattered Everton 3-0.

I reckon they're odds-on to bounce right back into the First in 1976-77!

See you next week.

Kevin Keegan

RESULTS . . . SCORERS

MONDAY, MARCH 10

DIVISION IV

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
EXETER (1) 3 (Beer, Bowker, Hodge) 2,178
 Hartlepool: Watling; Smith (R), Park, Dawes, Goad, Honour, Smith (D), Ward, Moore, Johnson (K), Johnson (D)
 Exeter: Bond; Templeman, Joy, Morrin, Giles, Munks, Hodge, Bowker, Robertson, Beer, Hooker

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

F.A. CUP

(Sixth Round Replay)

LEEDS (0) 1 (McKenzie)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Johnson) a.e.t. 50,074
 Leeds: Stewart; Reaney (McKenzie), Gray (F), Bremner, Madeley, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jordan, Giles, Yorath
 Ipswich: Sivell; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Hamilton, Viljoen, Johnson, Whyman, Lambert (Woods)

DIVISION II

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Prince) 11,765
FULHAM (2) 2 (Mullery pen., Mitchell)
 Bristol R: Eadie; Jacobs, Parsons, Aitken, Day, Prince, Stephens, Smith, Warboys, Stanforth, Dobson (Fearney)
 Fulham: Mellor; Fraser, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Moore, Dowie, Mitchell, Busby, Slough, Barrett

DIVISION IV

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (Mountford 2, Mulvaney)
SOUTHPORT (2) 3 (O'Riley 2, Noble) 1,191
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Townsend, Fielding, Mulvaney, Hanvey, Ferguson, Mountford, Whelan, Brears, Tobin
 Southport: Thomas; O'Neill, Sibbald, Noble, Jones, Russell, Johnston, Gough, O'Riley, Welbourne, Martin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND (1) 2 (Bell, Macdonald)
WEST GERMANY (0) 0 at Wembley 100,000
 England: Clemence; Whitworth, Gillard, Bell, Watson, Todd, Ball, Macdonald, Channon, Hudson, Keegan
 W. Germany: Maier; Bonhof, Vogts, Koerbel, Beckenbauer, Cullman, Ritschel, Wimmer, (Kremers), Kostedde (Heynckes), Flohe, Holzenbein

SCOTTISH CUP

(Fifth Round Replays)

AIRDRIE (0) 3 (McCulloch, Whiteford, Jonquin pen.)
ARBROATH (0) 0 3,000
 Airdrie: McWilliams; Jonquin, Lapsley, Menzies, Black, Whiteford, McCann, Reynolds, McCulloch, Walker, Wilson
 Arbroath: Marshall; Milne, Murray, Cargill, Carson, Smith, Sellars, Cant (Fletcher), Bone, Penman (Wells), Rylance
DUNDEE (2) 3 (Stewart, Hutchinson, Robinson)
HEARTS (2) 2 (Callaghan pen., Busby) 22,197
 Dundee: Allan; Wilson (R), Gemmell, Robinson, Stewart, Ford, Hoggan, Hutchinson, Wallace, Scott (J), Anderson
 Hearts: Cruickshank; Brown, Clunie, Jeffries, Anderson, Murray (D), Gibson, Busby, Ford, (Park), Murray (T) (Prentice), Callaghan

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Williamson 3, 1 pen.)
CELTIC (0) 2 (Lynch 2) 15,000
 Aberdeen: Clark; Hair, McLelland, Thomson, Young, Miller (McCall), Purdie, Smith, Jarvie, Williamson, Graham (Davidson)
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, McCluskey, Glavin, McNeill, Connelly, Hood, Wilson, DalGLISH, Callaghan, Lynch

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Pettigrew) 3,000
 Dunfermline: Karlson; Thomson, Markie, Campbell (R), Evans, Kinninmonth, Watson, Scott, Mackie, Shaw, Sinclair
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (W), Wark, Watson (R), McLaren, Millar, Goodwin, Pettigrew, Graham, Gardner, Goldthorp

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

DIVISION IV

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Shinton)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 2,173
 Cambridge: Smith (G); Howell, Batson, Lyon, Eades, Smith (P), Watson, Shinton, Horsfall, O'Donnell, Tully
 Darlington: Burleigh; Lees, Cochrane, Young, Blant, Smith, Holbrook, Nattress, Webb, Atkins, Cattrell
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Massey)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Johnson) 2,388
 Stockport: Ogley; Smith, Crowther, Fogarty, Albeson, Lawther, Price, Lloyd, Massey, Hollis, Kirk
 Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Cooper, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, Rayner, Ham, Cooke, Watson, Hutchins

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

DIVISION I

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Kidd)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Burns) 17,845
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Nelson, Storey, Mancini, Simpson, Matthews, Ball, Radford, Kidd, Brady
 Birmingham: Latchford; Calderwood, Bryant, Kendall, Gallagher, Roberts, Hendrie, Taylor, Burns, Hutton, Morton
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Laidlaw)
LUTON (0) 2 (Aston, Fletcher, R.) 8,339
 Carlisle: Ross; Carr, Gorman, O'Neill, Green, Parker, Martin, Train, Owen, Laidlaw, McIlmoyle
 Luton: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Fletcher (P), Jim Ryan, Husband, Fletcher (R), West, Aston (Alston)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Green, Ferguson)
LEICESTER (2) 2 (Worthington, Lee) 23,139
 Coventry: Ramsbottom; Oakey, Cattlin, Craven, Lloyd, Dugdale, Cartwright, Alderson, Ferguson, Green, Hutchison
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Lee, Blockley, Cross, Weller, Samuels, Worthington, Birchenall, Garland
DERBY (0) 1 (Hector)
STOKE (0) 2 (Greenhoff 2) 29,985
 Derby: Boulton; Thomas, Nish, Rioch, Daniel, Todd, Newton, Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Hinton
 Stoke: Shilton; Marsh, Lewis (Hurst), Mahoney, Smith, Dodd, Skeels, Greenhoff, Moores, Hudson, Salmons
IPSWICH (2) 5 (Hamilton 3, Hunter, Johnson)
NEWCASTLE (3) 4 (Macdonald 2, Tudor 2) 23,351
 Ipswich: Sivell; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Hamilton, Viljoen, Johnson, Whyman, Lambert
 Newcastle: McFaul; Craig (D), Barker, Smith, McCaffery, Nattress (Gibb), Barrowclough, Nulty, Macdonald, Tudor, Craig (T)
LEEDS 0
EVERTON 0 50,084
 Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Bremner, Madeley, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, McKenzie, Yorath, Gray (E)
 Everton: Davies; Bernard, Seargeant, Clements, Kenyon, Hurst, Jones, Dobson, Lyons, Latchford, Telfer
LIVERPOOL 0
SHEFF. UTD 0 40,862
 Liverpool: Clemence; Smith, Neal, Thompson, McDermott, Hughes, Keegan, Hall, Heighway, Kennedy (Waddle), Callaghan
 Sheff. Utd: Brown; Badger, Callaghan, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Bradford, Dearn, (Franks), Currie, Field
MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Hickton, Souness 2)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 25,182
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Madden, Murdoch, Hickton, Mills, Foggon (Willey), Armstrong
 Tottenham: Jennings; Kinnear, Knowles, McAllister, Pratt, Naylor, Conn, Perryman, Jones, Coates, Duncan
Q.P.R. (0) 2 (Rogers 2)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 22,102
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Masson, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Francis, Busby, Bowles, Rogers



John Mitchell scored on a rare first-team outing for Fulham.

Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Oakes, Doyle, Booth, Hartford, Summerbee, Bell, Marsh, Royle, Tueart

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Robson, Taylor, A.)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Collins) 28,830
 West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds (Gould), Taylor (T), Lock, Jennings, Padon, Taylor (A), Brooking, Robson
 Burnley: Stevenson; Ingham, Newton, Noble, Waldron, Thomson, Flynn (Rodaway), Hankin, Fletcher, Collins, James
WOLVES (3) 7 (Richards 2, Carr, Hibbitt, Bailey, Kindon, Wagstaffe)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Garner) 21,649
 Wolves: Pierce; Palmer, Parkin, Bailey, Munro, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Kindon, Wagstaffe
 Chelsea: Phillips; Locke, Sparrow, Hollins, Dempsey (Kember), Harris, Britton, Wilkins (R), Finnieston, Garner, Cooke

DIVISION II

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Leonard, Graydon, Holmes o.g.)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 31,967
 Aston Villa: Cumbe; Robson, Aitken, Ross, Nicholl, McDonald, Graydon, Little, Leonard, Hamilton, Carrodus
 Southampton: Turner; Andrzejewski, Holmes, Fisher, Bennett, Blyth, O'Brien, Channon, Osgood, McCalliog, Stokes
BLACKPOOL 0
BRISTOL R 0 8,019
 Blackpool: Burridge; Curtis, Harrison, Hart, Hatton, Alcock, Ainscow (Tong), Davies, Walsh, Bentley, Evanson
 Bristol R: Eadie; Jacobs, Bate, Aitken, Day, Prince, Stanton, Stanforth, Warboys, Smith, Fearnley
BRISTOL C (1) 2 (Fear, Mann)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Clark) 12,393
 Bristol C: Cashley; Sweeney, Drysdale, Emanuel, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Mann, Gillies, Fear, Brolly
 Millwall: King; Donaldson, Moore, Dorney, Kitchener, Saul, Hazell, Jones, Clark, Sumner, Smethurst (Kelly)
FULHAM 0
OLDHAM 0 13,186
 Fulham: Mellor; Fraser, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Moore, Dowie (Mitchell), Jimmy Conway, Busby, Slough, Barrett
 Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Whittle, Blair, Hicks, Holt, Young (Robins), Bell, Treacy, Chapman, Groves
HULL (1) 1 (Lord)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Showers) 5,248
 Hull: Blackburn; Banks, Daniel, Galvin (Deere), Croft, Roberts, McGill, Lord, Wood, Hawley, Greenwood
 Cardiff: Irwin; Attley, Pethard, Buchanan, Morgan (Showers), Larmour, Smith, Dwyer, Reece, Charles, Anderson
MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Pearson)
NORWICH (0) 1 (MacDougall) 56,202
 Man. Utd: Stepany; Forsyth, Houston, Greenhoff, James, Buchan, Coppell (Young), McIlroy, Pearson, Macari, Daly
 Norwich: Keelan; Butler, Powell, Morris, Forbes, Stringer, McGuire, MacDougall, Boyer, Suggatt, Peters

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Byrom) 8,196
 Notts Co: McManus; Brindley, O'Brien, Bolton, Needham, Stubbs, Carter, Probert, Vinter (Bradd), McVay, Scanlon
 Bolton: Siddall; Ritsen, Dunne, Greaves, Jones, Allardice, Byrom, Curran, Lee, Reid, Thompson
OXFORD (0) 1 (Shaker pen.)
W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown) 7,212
 Oxford: Burton; Light, Shaker, Tait, Clarke (C), Jeffrey, Duncan, Fleming (McGrogan), Clarke (D), McCulloch, Heron
 W.B.A.: Osborne; Nisbet, Wilson, Cantello, Wile, Rushbury, Glover, Brown, Edwards (Shaw), Hughes, Johnston

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Hiron)
YORK (0) 0 9,906
 Portsmouth: Best; Roberts, Hand, Piper, Stephenson, Went, Marinello, Reynolds, Graham, Hiron, Mellows
 York: Crawford; Calvert, Oliver, Holmes, Swallow, Topping, Pollard, Cave, Seal, Jones, Lyons

SHEFF. WED. (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 1 (Queen) 8,492
 Sheff. Wed: Fox; McIver, Quinn, Eustace, Dowd, Mullen, Potts, Herbert, Wyde, Knighton (Brown), Henson
 Orient: Jackson; Grealish, Fisher, Allen, Hoadley, Walley, Cunningham, Bennett (Rofey), Bullock, Queen, Heppellette

SUNDERLAND 0
NOTT F. 0 30,812
 Sunderland: Montgomery; Malone, Guthrie, Longhorn, Watson, Moncur, Kerr, Hughes, Halom, Robson, Towers
 Nottm F: Middleton; Anderson, O'Kane, Robertson, Jones, McGovern, Lyall, Richardson, O'Hare, Butlin, Bowyer

DIVISION III

ALDERSHOT 0
GRIMSBY 0 3,499
 Aldershot: Johnson; Walden, Walker, Crosby, Dean, Richardson, Walton, Morrissey, Howarth, Saintry, Brodie
 Grimsby: Wainman; Cauczman, Booth, Coyle (Wigg), Young, Gray, Barton, Hubbard, Partridge, Boylen, Brown

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Fazackerley, Heaton)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Crossley) 12,398
 Blackburn: Jones; Heaton, Burgin, Metcalfe, Hawkins (Hoy), Fazackerley, Beamish, Oates, Hickman, Parkes, Martin
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Moore, Philpotts, Palios, Kenny, Young, Allen, McBurney, Crossley

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Parodi)
PRESTON (0) 0 7,337
 Bournemouth: Baker; Payne, Parodi, Benson, Morgan, Hague, Redknapp, Howard, Rudge, Welsh, Buttle
 Preston: Tumks; Burns, McMahon, Stiles, Bird, Spark, Doyle, Holden, Elwiss, Morley (Coleman), Charlton

BURY (0) 2 (Spence, Rowland)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Towner) 4,037
 Bury: Forrest; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Nicholson, Hulme, Bailey, Buchan, Riley, Spence, Duffey (Rowland), Hamstead
 Brighton: Grummitt; Tiler, Wilson, Machin, Piper, Winstanley, Towner, O'Sullivan, Binney, Fell, Walker (Mason)

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Curtis, Flanagan)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Hales o.g.) 9,477
 Charlton: Tutt; Curtis, Warman, Bowman, Young, Horsfield, Peacock, Hales, Hunt, Kelly, Flanagan
 Southend: Webster; Dyer, Taylor, Brisley, Mackenzie, Moody, Little, Elliott, Guthrie, Ford, Brace

CHESTERFIELD (3) 4 (Moss, Darling, Shanahan 2)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (McNeill) 3,826
 Chesterfield: Tingay; O'Neill, Burton, McEwan, Winstanley, Barlow, Darling, Moss, Kowalski, Bellamy, Shanahan
 Hereford: Blyth; Emery, Byrne, McLaughlin, Tucker, Layton (Silkman), Gregory, Deacy, Galley, McNeill, Tyler

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Taylor)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Lawson) 15,043
 C. Palace: Burns; Wall, Cannon, Johnson (J), Jeffries, Evans, Chatterton, Holder (Hinsellwood), Hill, Swindlehurst, Taylor
 Huddersfield: Taylor; McGifford, Garner, Dolan, Saunders, Eilam, Fowler, Belfitt, Gowing, Lawson, Maitland (O'Neill)

PETERBOROUGH 0
GILLINGHAM 0 6,389
 Peterborough: Steele; Bradley, Winfield, Walker, Turner, Carmichael, Murray, Gregory, Hall, Price, Nixon
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Wiltshire, Ley, Galvin, Shipperley (Yeo), Tydeman, Jacks, Gauden, Richardson, Chadwick, Feely

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
WREXHAM (1) 3 (Griffiths, Davies, Whittle) 14,855
 Plymouth: Furnell; Hore, Burrows, Delve, Green, Saxton, Randall, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty, McAuley
 Wrexham: Lloyd; Jones, Fogg, Evans, May, Thomas, Tinnion, Sutton, Davies, Whittle, Griffiths

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Brownbill, Bailey)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Downes) 3,334
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Tartt, Dulsan, Cross, Harris, Bailey, Lacey, Brownbill, Williams, Woodward, McLaren
 Halifax: Smith (A); Smith (A), Collins, McHale, Rhodes, Phelan, Jones, Blair, Ford, Gwyther, Downes

WALSALL (1) 5 (Atthey, Bennett, Andrews, Harrison, Buckley)
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Foley, Lindsay) 4,914
 Walsall: Kearns; Fry, Harrison, Robinson, Bennett, Atthey, Taylor, Andrews, Wright, Buckley, Birch
 Colchester: Walker; Dominey (Thomas), Cook, Bunkell, Harford, Smith, Leslie, Svarc, Froggatt, Lindsay, Foley

WATFORD (1) 1 (Garner)
SWINDON (0) 0 5,523
 Watford: Rankin; Butler, Walsh, Joslyn, Goodeve, Garner, Bond, Scullion, Mayes, Greenhalgh, Downes
 Swindon: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, McLean (Dillon), Jenkins

DIVISION IV

CHESTER 0
MANSFIELD 0 7,518
 Chester: Millington; Edwards, Loska, Stor-ton, Mathewson, Mason, Pugh (Redfern), Owen, Draper, Moore, Lennard
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews, Foster (C), Bird, Lathan, O'Connor, Walker, Clarke, McCaffrey

CREWE (0) 1 (Lowry)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Johnson) 2,536
 Crewe: Cradlington; Lowry, Kelley, Rimmer, Nicholls, Lees, Reed, Maguire, Melledew, Nelson, Humphreys
 Brentford: Sherwood; Bence, Allen (Simmons), Johnson, Lawrence, Riddick, Graham, Scales, Cross, French, Salvage

EXETER (0) 1 (Bowker)
WORKINGTON (0) 0 2,581
 Exeter: Bond; Templeman, Joy, Morrin, Giles, Munks, Hooker, Bowker, Robertson, Beer, Hodge
 Workington: Rogan; Geldmintis, Brown, Kavanagh, Walker, Wood, Murray, Harris, Skillen, Howitt, Helliwell

NEWPORT (1) 3 (Woods, Pickering o.g., Rylands)
BARNLEY (0) 4 (Doyle pen., Butler 3) 1,773
 Newport: Payne; Green, Passey, Godfrey, Rylands, Coldrick, Hooper, Jones, Woodruff, Woods, Parsons
 Barnley: Stewart; Yates, Chambers, Doyle, Pickering (J), Pickering (M), Lea, Brown, Butler, Murphy, Peachey

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Whelan)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Ellis pen.) 1,511
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Martin, Fielding, Mulvaney, Hanvey, Ferguson, Mountford, Whelan, Tobin, Brears (Murty)
 Lincoln: Grotier; Branfoot, Leigh, Booth, Ellis, Wiggett, Symm, Ward, Graham, Smith, Harding

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Womble)
DONCASTER (0) 0 8,049
 Rotherham: McDonagh; Derrett, Leng, Womble, Delgado, Spencer, Phillips, Wagstaff, Habbins, Goodfellow, Crawford
 Doncaster: Brown; Reed, Tennent, Irvine, Uzelac, Brookes, Curran, Chappell, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Murray

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Davidson)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 1,663
 Scunthorpe: Norris; Markham, Lynch, Oates, Simpkin, Welbourne, Money, Pilling, Collier, Keeley, Davidson
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Gregory (Hayes), Durban, Kearney, Turner, Irvine, McGregor, Haywood, Bates, Tarbuck

... TEAM LINE-UPS

PETERBOROUGH 0

GILLINGHAM 0 6,389

Peterborough: Steele; Bradley, Winfield, Walker, Turner, Carmichael, Murray, Gregory, Hall, Price, Nixon

Gillingham: Hillyard; Wiltshire, Ley, Galvin, Shipperley (Yeo), Tydeman, Jacks, Gauden, Richardson, Chadwick, Feely

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

WREXHAM (1) 3 (Griffiths, Davies, Whittle) 14,855

Plymouth: Furnell; Hore, Burrows, Dolve, Green, Saxton, Randall, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty, McAuley

Wrexham: Lloyd; Jones, Fogg, Evans, May, Thomas, Tinnion, Sutton, Davies, Whittle, Griffiths

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Brownbill, Bailey)

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Downes) 3,334

Port Vale: Connaughton; Tarrt, Dulson, Cross, Harris, Bailey, Lacey, Brownbill, Williams, Woodward, McLaren

Halifax: Smith (A); Smith (A), Collins, McHale, Rhodes, Phelan, Jones, Blair, Ford, Gwyther, Downes

WALSALL (1) 5 (Atthey, Bennett, Andrews, Harrison, Buckley)

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Foley, Lindsay) 4,914

Walsall: Kearns; Fry, Harrison, Robinson, Bennett, Atthey, Taylor, Andrews, Wright, Buckley, Birch

Colchester: Walker; Dominey (Thomas), Cook, Bunkell, Harford, Smith, Leslie, Svarc, Froggatt, Lindsay, Foley

WATFORD (1) 1 (Garner)

SWINDON (0) 0 5,523

Watford: Rankin; Butler, Walsh, Joslyn, Goodeve, Garner, Bond, Scullion, Mayes, Greenhalgh, Downes

Swindon: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, McLean (Dillon), Jenkins

DIVISION IV

CHESTER 0

MANSFIELD 0 7,518

Chester: Millington; Edwards, Loska, Storton, Matthewson, Mason, Pugh (Redfern), Owen, Draper, Moore, Lennard

Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews, Foster (C), Bird, Lathan, O'Connor, Walker, Clarke, McCaffrey

CREWE (0) 1 (Lowry)

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Johnson) 2,536

Crewe: Crudgington; Lowry, Kelley, Rimmer, Nicholls, Lees, Reed, Maguire, Melledew, Nelson, Humphreys

Brentford: Sherwood; Bence, Allen (Simmons), Johnson, Lawrence, Riddick, Graham, Scales, Cross, French, Salvage

EXETER (0) 1 (Bowker)

WORKINGTON (0) 0 2,581

Exeter: Bond; Templeman, Joy, Morrin, Giles, Munks, Hooker, Bowker, Robertson, Beer, Hodge

Workington: Rogan; Geidmintis, Brown, Kavanagh, Walker, Wood, Murray, Harris, Skillen, Howitt, Helliwell

NEWPORT (1) 3 (Woods, Pickering o.g., Rylands)

BARNSELY (0) 4 (Doyle pen., Butler 3) 1,773

Newport: Payne; Green, Passey, Godfrey, Rylands, Coldrick, Hooper, Jones, Woodruff, Woods, Parsons

Barnsley: Stewart; Yates, Chambers, Doyle, Pickering (J), Pickering (M), Lea, Brown, Butler, Murphy, Peachey

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Whelan)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Ellis pen.) 1,511

Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Martin, Fielding, Mulvaney, Hanvey, Ferguson, Mountford, Whelan, Tobin, Brears (Murty)

Lincoln: Grotler; Branfoot, Leigh, Booth, Ellis, Wiggott, Symp, Ward, Graham, Smith, Harding

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Womble)

DONCASTER (0) 0 8,049

Rotherham: McDonagh; Derrett, Leng, Womble, Delgado, Spencer, Phillips, Wagstaff, Habbins, Goodfellow, Crawford

Doncaster: Brown; Reed, Tennant, Irvine, Uzelac, Brookes, Curran, Chappell, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Murray

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Davidson)

SHREWSBURY (0) 0 1,663

Scunthorpe: Norris; Markham, Lynch, Oates, Simpkin, Welbourne, Money, Pilling, Collier, Keeley, Davidson

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Gregory (Hayes), Durban, Kearney, Turner, Irvine, McGregor, Haywood, Bates, Tarbuck

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Bekker)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 2,303

Swansea: Potter; Evans (W), Bartley, Bruton, Davies, Bevan, Abbott, Thomas, Bekker, James, Soreen

Hartlepool: Watling; Smith (R), Worthington, Dawes, Goad, Potter, Maddison, Honour, Moore, Johnson, Smith (D)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

ARBROATH (2) 3 (Bone 2, Penman)

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Jonquin) 1,117

Arbroath: Marshall; Milne, Murray, Cargill, Wells, Smith, Sellars (Cant), Carson (Fletcher), Bone, Penman, Ryland

Airdrie: McWilliams; Jonquin, Lapsley, Menzies, Black, Whiteford, McCann, Reynolds (Anderson), McCulloch (McRoberts), Walker, Gallacher

CELTIC (0) 0

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Gray) 20,000

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, McCluskey (Wilson), McDonald, McNeill, Callaghan (Deans), Johnstone, Glavin, Dalglish, Hood, Lynch

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel (McDonald), Houston, Smith (D), Narey, McLeod, Smith (W), Gray, Sturrock (Forsyth), Hegarty

DUMBARTON (0) 0

HEARTS (0) 1 (Gibson) 4,000

Dumbarton: Williams; McAdam (C), Watt, Ruddy, Muir, Graham, Cook, Coleman, McAdam (T), Bourke, Wallace (W)

Hearts: Cruickshank; Brown, Clunie, Jeffries, Anderson, Murray (D), Gibson, Donaldson, Busby, Park (Prentice), Callaghan (Murray, T)

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Hutchinson)

RANGERS (0) 2 (McLean, Parlance) 24,000

Dundee: Allan; Wilson, Gemmell, Robinson, Stewart, Ford, Hoggan, Hutchinson, Wallace, Scott (J), Anderson

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig (Miller), McKean, Jackson, Forsyth, McLean, Stein, Parlance, McDonald, Young

HIBS (3) 5 (Munro 3, Harper, McLeod)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Shaw) 6,500

Hibs: McArthur; Brownlie, Schaedler, Bremner, Blackley, Stanton (Spalding), Smith, McLeod, Harper, Munro, Duncan

Dunfermline: Karlsen; Thomson, Markey, Campbell (R), (Davidson), Evans, Kinninmonth, Watson, Cameron, Mackie (Campbell, I), Shaw, Sinclair

KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (Smith, Fleming)

MORTON (1) 1 (Hazel) 5,000

Kilmarnock: McCulloch; Maxwell, Robertson, McLean, Rodman, McDicken, Provan, Fleming, Morrison (Fallis), Sheed, Smith

Morton: Baines; Hayes, Ritchie, Lumsden, Rankin, McNeil, Taylor (Harley), Townsend, Hazel, Hudson, Skovdam

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Pettigrew)

CLYDE (1) 1 (Harvey) 4,487

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (W), Wark, Watson (R), McLaren, Miller, McIlwraith (Taylor), Pettigrew, Graham, Gardner, Goldthorp

Clyde: Cairney; Anderson, Burns, Ahern, McVie, Millar, Sullivan, Ward, Boyle, Harvey, Marshall

PARTICK (0) 1 (McQuade)

ABERDEEN (0) 0 4,000

Partick: Rough; Hansen (J), Kellachan, Campbell, Hansen (A), Anderson, Houston, Rae, Craig, Somner, McQuade

Aberdeen: Clark; Hair, Hermiston, Thomson (Davidson), Ward, Miller, Purdie, Smith, McCall, Williamson, Graham

ST JOHNSTONE 0

AYR UTD 0 2,169

St Johnstone: Robertson; Smith (G), Smith (S), Rennie, Macdonald, Cramond, Muir, O'Rourke, McGregor (Hall), Ritchie, Lambie

Ayr: Sproat; Taylor, Murphy, McAnespie, Fleming, Filippi, Doyle, Dickson, Bell, McCulloch, Graham

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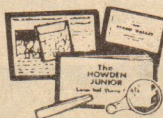
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To me, there is no way in which it can be excused.

Having said all that, let me add that for a while I thought I had "cheated" myself.

I was turned down by Burnley as a youngster and there was nothing left for me but to join non-League Witton Albion.

Witton were in the Cheshire League and we played before crowds of around 300 spectators. Still, the money wasn't too bad. With a job and my soccer wages I was earning around

only dedication and a lot of practice would make me good enough for the top bracket.

Well, I worked extra hard at Halifax. It was Alan Ball, father of the England skipper, who took me to The Shay — and it was there the long slog to the top began.

On my afternoons off, I would stay behind and trainer Harry Hubbick would put over cross after cross for me to head away from goal. He had me heading so many balls it's a wonder I

them as far as skill in the air is concerned.

You see, I was never a wonder boy; never a protege. I knew I didn't have the natural ability of some footballers, so it was up to me to "make" myself a better player.

Although I have still not stopped learning, I continue to put in extra training and I think my efforts have paid off.

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£40 a week.

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Hard work was the keynote, for make no mistake I knew my game was far from perfect and

never became punch-drunk!

I try to be as good in the air as Mike England, who has just quit the game after a fine career with Spurs. After him, I rated Jack Charlton the tops. I still think of them when I practise and hope I am getting near to

greatest clubs in the country. We have won the League Cup and are in with a great chance of promotion to the First Division.

In addition, I have been capped by Northern Ireland.

Winning the League Cup was tremendous, but the aim of everyone at Villa Park is the First Division. That is where The Villans belong and that is where I want to play. Somehow, I am convinced we'll make it.

For there are no "cheats" at Villa. And they all know there is no substitute for hard work.



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SHOOT/GOAL



Midlands action from Molineux as Birmingham's Paul Hendrie tackles Wolves' Steve Daley (black shorts).

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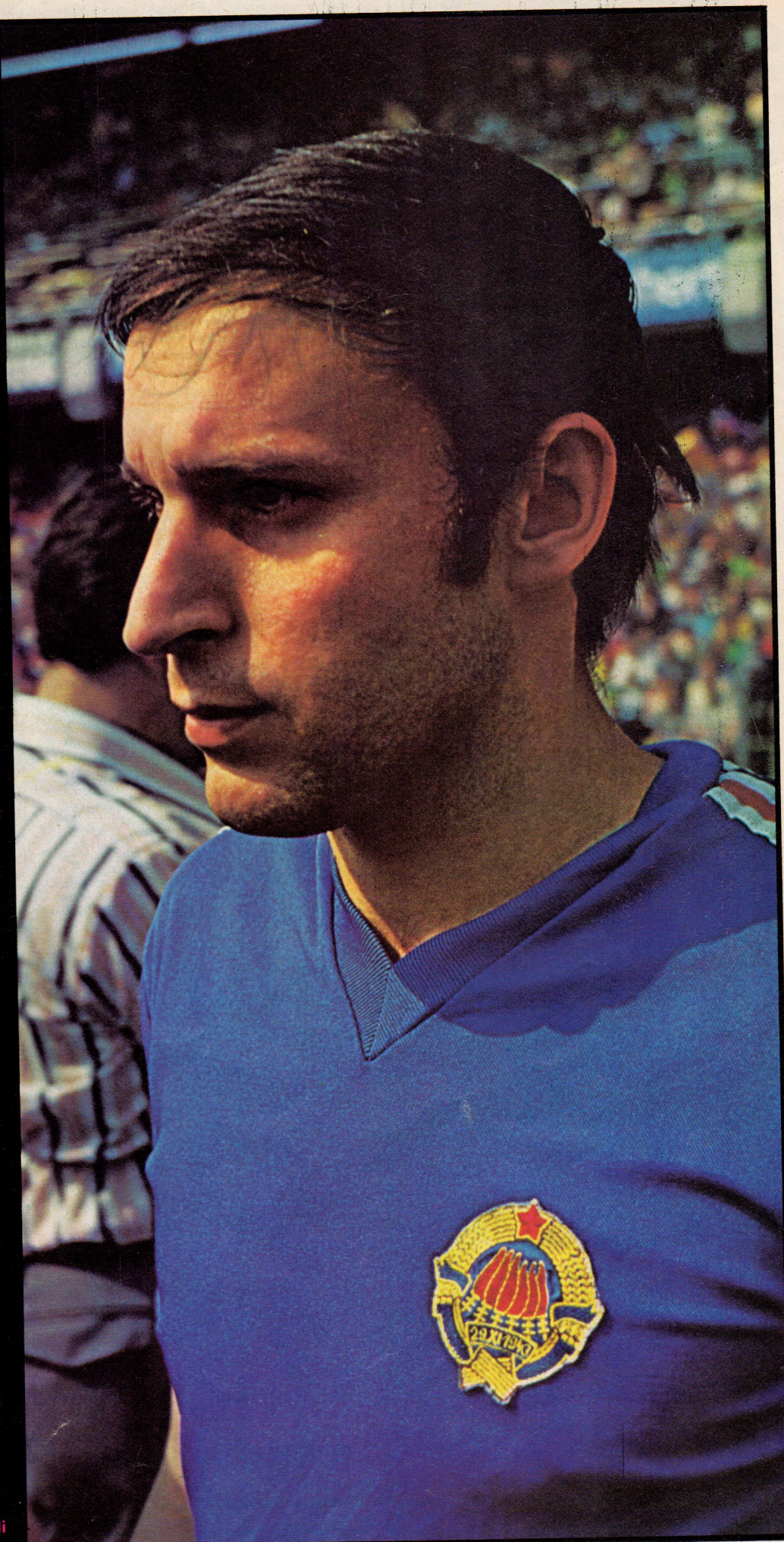
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Northern Ireland tackle Yugoslavia in a European Championship-tie that the Irish cannot afford to lose.

As the table shows, the two countries are joint-top, but Ireland have played one game more.

Yugoslavia were rather disappointing during the World Cup Finals last year. While they didn't do badly, many critics expected them to finish in the top four ... or even win the Cup.

Now, the World Cup team is virtually "dead" and Ireland face a new-look Yugoslavia that in its two games this season, has shown much promise.

Half of the World Cup side has, for one reason or another, gone ... some of the players are doing Army service while others have been transferred to clubs abroad.

Even the manager — Miljan Miljanic — has left, for Real Madrid, of course. He was replaced by 42-year-old Ante Mladinic, a former star of Hajduk Split who has been coaching youngsters (Under-23's etc.) for ten years.

He was also Miljanic's assistant, so his background is ideal.

Mladinic's first game was very successful. His "new" team beat Italy 1-0 in Zagreb ... the result may not have been sensational, but the team played good attacking football which thrilled the 75,000 crowd.

Then, in a European Championship-tie, Yugoslavia beat Norway 3-1 in Belgrade — a good result when you remember Norway have improved a lot in recent years.

So who are the players Mladinic will choose to line-up against Northern Ireland next week?

In goal, will be OGNJEN PETROVIC, for so long Mario's understudy. He is 27 and although he has only two caps, is reliable.



ANTE MLADINIC ... the new Yugoslavia manager whose results this season have been good — so far.

NEW-LOOK YUGOSLAVIA'S STRENGTH IS IN MIDFIELD

VINKO SALE, our correspondent in Belgrade, writes about the players likely to face Northern Ireland



Josip Katalinski (top, left) in action against Brazil during the 1974 World Cup Finals. He is one of the few players to remain from that team.

Right-back will probably be WILSON DZONI (25), small but a competitive player who never gives in under pressure.

On the other side at left-back, DZEMAL HADZIABDIC, not the World Cup star, but a young 22-year-old from Velez Mostar who, the locals say, "plays with two hearts."

In the centre of the defence will be 27-year-old JOSIP KATALINSKI and IVAN BULJAN, both experienced defenders who played in the Finals.

The midfield trio has plenty of skill and goal-power. JOVAN ACIMOVIC, said to be worth 50 per cent of the team, is still there with his "talking" left foot.

VLADIMIR PETROVIC, the 20-year-old Red Star forward, will probably line-up with JURICA JERKOVIC to form a trio Ireland must subdue.

Yugoslavia's goal-force should be DANILO POPIVODA (27), IVICA SURJAK (22) and captain DRAGAN DZAJIC (28).

Popivoda is a very fast player who punishes opponents' mistakes ... Surjak is a left-winger with Hajduk, but centre-forward for his country ... because on the left-wing is The Magic Dragan, back from military service, playing better than ever.

Yugoslavia's strength is undoubtedly in midfield, where Acimovic is dominating given the chance.

He was one of the few players to have an outstanding World Cup and is effective in both defensive and attacking formations.

The Irish players will be eager to give their fans a "happy return" and spurred on by what will surely be a huge Windsor Park crowd, Dave Clements' lads could go top of Group Three, but Yugoslavia, if they hit their early season form, may cause an upset.

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Yugoslavia	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
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JOHN GREIG



I HAVE often been called the type of player who hates losing ... who always wants to win.

I won't argue with that statement, but there is an extra-special reason why I want victory on Saturday (April 12th) when we play Aberdeen at Ibrox.

Apart from the obvious reason of two points, we want to prove to our fans that Aberdeen do not hold a jinx over us on our own ground.

It has been four long years since we last beat them at Ibrox and this season there has been talk of them being our hoodoo team in Glasgow.

Rubbish! Okay, The Dons beat us 2-1 at Ibrox in the Scottish Cup this year after a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie, but just because they have had good results over the past four years on our soil doesn't mean we are afraid of them.

We'll be having a real go at Jimmy Bonithorne's team, and if it is as half as exciting as our three previous meetings this season then the fans will see a cracker.

In a League match at Pittodrie we won 2-1 with a goal in the dying minutes from Tommy McLean, who has scored many vital goals this season.

In that game Derek Johnstone put us 1-0 up with a powerful ten-yard drive that gave keeper Bobby Clark absolutely no chance, but Aberdeen equalised in the second-half through Ian Hair. There were thrills aplenty before Derek Parlane crossed from the left for wee Tommy to net our winner.

We have had a great League season — the best in 11 years — and victory over The Dons would complete a campaign that has been

just Champion!

On the international front, Scotland play Sweden next Wednesday in Gothenburg. Our full team, managed by Willie Ormond, will play the Swedes in the evening after our Under-23's, bossed by Celtic manager Jock Stein, play their counterparts earlier in the day.

Sweden have some superb players such as Ralf Edstroem, surely one of the best aerial attackers in the game, Roland Sandberg and Conny Torstensson.

Goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom, who, like Sandberg and Torstensson, plays in the West German Bundesliga, was one of the best custodians during the World Cup and I was very impressed by his handling.

Winning Goal

I have a lot of admiration for Scandinavian players. In fact, I have played beside several with Rangers.

There was Kai Johansen for a start. It was Kai who scored our Scottish Cup winning goal against Celtic in 1966 with a shot that almost burst the net.

And, of course, there was Swedish outside-left Orjan Persson, whom we signed from Dundee United. Orjan was a most unpredictable player.

He appeared to look disinterested sometimes, then, suddenly, he would beat almost everyone in the opposing team and score an unforgettable goal!

I'll end now with a last word about Sweden. Rangers have played there in pre-season games over the past couple of seasons and we have stayed at a place called the Hindoras training camp.

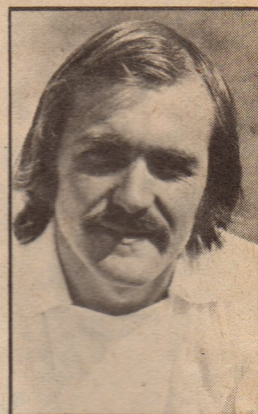
It has everything from Continental footballs of all weights and shapes to a ski run. It's different class and I for one wouldn't complain if we went back again before next season.

John Greig

'TARTAN TALK' NEXT WEEK FROM CELTIC'S ALLY HUNTER

SCORE A SOCCER CENTURY

Award yourself ten points for each question you get right.
Answers below.



1. What is wrong with this statement: "West Germany won the Jules Rimet World Cup trophy by beating Holland 2-1 in last year's Final in Munich?"

2. Derby's David Nish (below) and Wolves' Derek Dougan were once team-mates with First Division club — Luton, Liverpool or Leicester?



3. On Saturday, March 22nd, Terry Cooper (above) was sensationally sent-off against Chelsea while making his second, third or fourth appearance for his new club, Middlesbrough?

4. Last month Tottenham transferred their skipper Martin Peters to Norwich City for an estimated fee of £40,000, £50,000 or £60,000?

5. Which club would Airdrie be playing against if John Farrington scored for the opposition during a Texaco Cup-tie?

6. In a First Division game between Arsenal and Newcastle recently a young Gunner, making his League debut, helped the Highbury club to a 3-0 win and also scored the third goal ... can you name him?

7. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of Scotland's top Division One midfield players ... NRNEIO ANVGIL

8. Which international trophy did Swindon Town win when they beat Italian club side Napoli 3-0 in 1970?

9. Oxford United have had three managers since their election to the Football League in 1962. Arthur Turner and Gerry Summers are two ... but can you name the other one?

10. Can you name the manager who guided Colchester to promotion from the Fourth Division last term?

ANSWERS

CHECK YOUR RATING

90-100 ... Excellent. 70-80 ... Very good. 50-60 ... Average. Under 50 ... Never mind, try again next week.

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GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (2) Rod Thomas. (7) Oh. (8) Steve Earle. (10) So. (11) At. (13) Us. (16) Bramall Lane. (17) Led. (19) Eve. (21) Bryan Robson. (25) Cot. (26) West. (27) Styles. Down: (1) Ross. (2) Rye. (3) Doe. (4) The Filberts. (5) Oar. (6) Area. (9) Tour. (12) The Den. (14) Sandy. (15) Jays. (16) Bulb. (18) Erne. (20) Vote. (22) Act. (23) No. (24) Bay.

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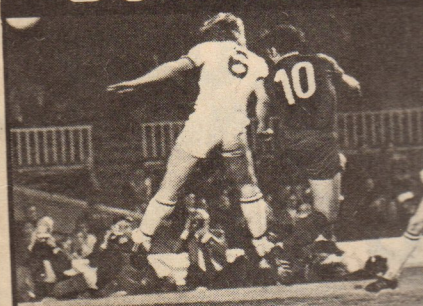
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Saudi Arabia are after Heinz Lucas of West Germany's Fortuna Dusseldorf and have offered him a two-year contract.

Kuwait have made an offer to Rinus Michels that the Barcelona manager must find hard to refuse.

They want him to set up what they call "an international football brigade" and have offered him ONE MILLION DOLLARS... around £500,000.

Michels will probably decide when Barcelona's European Cup fate has been decided.

Amateurs reach Semi-Finals in Holland

CUP sensation in Holland! The amateurs of IJsselmeervogels caused one of the biggest upsets in years when they beat AZ '67 — fifth in the Dutch League — on the professionals' own ground!

AZ, unbeaten at home in the League this season, were 2-0 down at one stage and even missed a penalty before drawing level.

When extra-time had to be played everyone assumed that AZ's superior fitness would win the tie... but "Vogels" held out.

So — the tie had to be decided by penalties (no replays as in England and Scotland).

With the penalty-score at 3-3 AZ's Kist took his turn, determined to atone for his previous miss.

He struck the ball well, but Vogels' goalie de Feijter dived brilliantly to save.

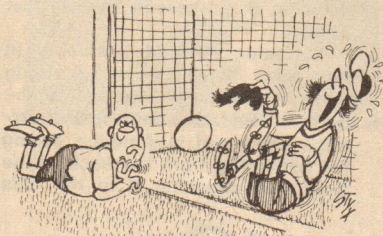
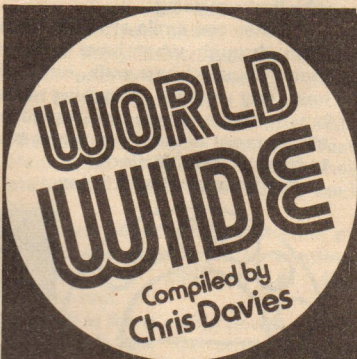
Evert de Graaf was as cool as a cucumber as he won the tie for Vogels with his penalty.

Spankenburg, the tiny village where Vogels play, went crazy. Its 10,000 inhabitants greeted the players in true Cup tradition and carried them shoulder-high through the streets.

Now, the amateurs face FC Twente in the Semi-Finals. Twente are fourth in the Dutch League and are in the Semi-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Vogels aren't worried at the prospect of meeting Twente. As one of their players said: "It's too bad for them. They'll just have to win the U.E.F.A. Cup!"

• The other Semi-Final tie is: Wageningen v Den Haag.



AN embarrassing moment for a Spanish player the other week. As a Sporting Gijon star headed a superb goal — enjoyed by television viewers, too — his wig fell off!

Believe it or not, the player's name is... Baldes. Here's how our cartoonist STYX saw this hair-raising goal!

'ENGLAND ON THE WAY BACK' — Gunter Netzer

GUNTER NETZER, world-class midfielder of Real Madrid and West Germany, was the star of Germany's 3-1 European Championship victory over England in 1972.

The blond schemer was at Wembley again last month — as a spectator this time and after seeing England beat his countrymen 2-0, he said: "England are definitely on the way back to the top."

He continued: "We didn't play well, but England showed a lot of fight and skill."

"I believe that in the three years leading up to the next World Cup Finals, Don Revie can build a great England team."

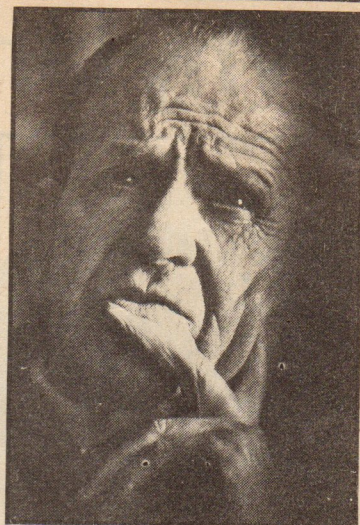
And Gunter's own international plans?

"I'd like to play for my country again, but my contract with Real Madrid presents problems in this direction."

IN a Spanish Third Division match between Construcción and El Andaluz, two players started to fight.

The referee rightly sent them off. As they were leaving the field, other players began brawling.

Eventually, 21 players were sent off — the good boy was El Andaluz, a right-winger who wisely didn't join in.



'Our reign is over'

— former West Germany boss

WEST Germany's reign as Kings of Europe and the World is over... says Sepp Herberger (above), the international team-manager before Helmut Schoen.

"I was not surprised England beat us 2-0," he admitted. "Our seven fat years are over."

"We must start all over again and prepare ourselves for a lean time — which may be a few years."

The Germans have certainly had seven "fat" — or successful — years as Herr Herberger says.

Yet somehow, I can't see the Germans having too lean a time just yet.

Kiev top

IN last season's Russian League (they operate a Spring to Autumn season) Champions Dynamo Kiev were the best-supported side with an average of 45,600. Ararat Erevan were second with 37,500. Zenith Leningrad third with 36,500.

Soccer in the capital, Moscow, is not as popular as in the provinces... Moscow's top side, Spartak, were the sixth best-supported team with an average of 24,700.

BAYERN Munich have kept up their idea of cheaper admission in order to attract more fans.

The players were unhappy with the empty spaces on the terraces (caused by their bad form!) so prices were cut by 50 per cent.

Attendances have been good lately... and Bayern's form has also shown an improvement.

AJAX striker Ruud Geels is making a determined effort to be Europe's top hotshot.

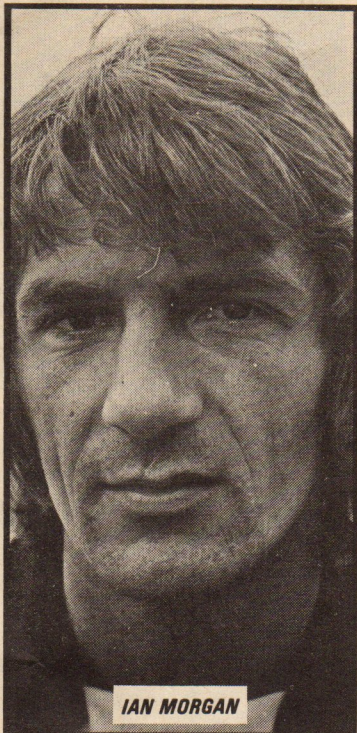
He's bang in form right now and is joint-top scorer in Holland with P.S.V.'s Willy van der Kuylen. They have 22 goals to their credit from 26 games.

A SURPRISE decision by the Italian F.A. — that their European Championship tie against Poland on April 19th will be played in Rome, scene of crowd riots this season.

ARGENTINIAN Champions Independiente have signed Perico Perez, a goalkeeper who has set up what must be some sort of record... eight penalty saves out of eight.

TWO underdogs will play in the Polish Cup Final. They are Second Division Stal Rzeszow and ROW Rybnik, who knocked out the famous Gornik Zabrze.

Why Ian Morgan is waiting for the season to end



IAN MORGAN

IAN Morgan is a footballer with a tremendous appetite for the game. Yet he can't wait for the season to end!

Crazy? Not at all, because Ian will know by the summer whether he can play again, or whether he will be forced to join twin-brother Roger in early retirement.

Ian, now with Watford, hasn't kicked a ball all season, and for most of the time has been doing an eight to five daily shift at the Garston Manor Rehabilitation Centre in Hertfordshire.

The big-hearted winger who starred in Queen's Park Rangers' run from the Third to the First Division and to that League Cup Final triumph over West Brom, was cut-down in a pre-season friendly last August.

Surgeons decided ligaments in his right knee weren't strong enough to allow him to play again. So they decided to perform an operation pioneered in America, taking the hamstring from the back to the front and attaching it to the tibia

to stabilise the knee.

Says Ian: "A few players in American grid football have suffered this injury and come through the operation."

"I was left in no doubt. It was either that or pack up the game. I was willing to gamble."

"I've worked hard at weight training and agility exercises and now I'm able to spend a little time at the club doing light training."

"My brother Roger had to give up football because of arthritis in both knees, and I know how he felt."

"Mentally it's done me good working with all those wonderful people at the Centre."

"I've been doing exercises with badly handicapped people, some with limbs missing."

"If they can smile after all they've been through what have I got to moan about? I can walk, run and I have my health. Watching these brave people at work has made me all the more determined to get back to football with Watford."

We hope you make it, Ian.



Ian during his Q.P.R. days.

NO ONE has hit a hat-trick against England in full internationals since Peru's Seminario managed it in Lima, in May, 1959. The final result? A 4-1 win for Peru.

The last time a hat-trick was scored against England in the Home Championships was 47 years ago when Huddersfield winger Alec Jackson did it for Scotland in March, 1928.

LONDON IGNORED

A READER asked me why the F.A. have ignored London ever since the War when planning Cup Semi-Final venues.

During that period only four have been allotted to the capital, and all were at White Hart Lane (Tottenham).

The F.A. say it's because the Final, and all England full international games are played at Wembley.

PETER Foley, Oxford United's 18-year-old Bicester-born striker, has one big ambition... to play for the Republic of Ireland.

Foley qualifies for Eire because he has an Irish father and was, in fact, chosen for the Republic's Youth squad earlier this year.

NEWCASTLE manager Joe Harvey has watched Morton several times over the past few weeks. His target could well be keeper Roy Baines, who was once freed by Hibs.

MOTHERWELL boss Willie McLean recently rejected a bid of £115,000 for striker Willie Pettigrew.

Scottish soccer could certainly do with more managers with the same outlook.

'Our fantastic fans'

SUNDERLAND boss Bob Stokoe is full of praise for the club's fans.

"Of course, I want First Division football for the players, the club and myself, but I also want it for some of the most loyal supporters in the country."

"They travel in their hundreds long distances to see us and their tremendous support is much appreciated by the players and myself."

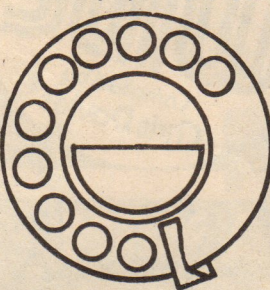
"It's wonderful to see our colours carried in such great numbers at away matches and this definitely helps to lift the players."

So if Sunderland do get promotion they will owe their fantastic fans a vote of thanks.

WATCHING WILLIE

SPURS, with a centre-half problem since Mike England quit the game, have been watching Aberdeen's Scottish Under-23 international Willie Young.

BRADFORD City won the West Riding Cup for the first time in 23 years when they beat Huddersfield Town 4-3 in the Final.



NEWS DESK

Compiled by PETER STEWART

YOU WON'T be surprised to hear at the end of the season that many League clubs have recorded huge losses. It's even been said one could reach a record deficit.

The biggest to date: Crystal Palace's £430,000 in 1972-73 and Portsmouth's £415,000 a year later.

TOP TIP

MARTIN Fowler, 18-year-old Huddersfield midfielder player, is tipped for honours by three top soccer officials.

England manager Don Revie says: "The boy has tremendous potential."

Malcolm Allison, Crystal Palace boss, comments: "The first time I saw him I could see he had a touch of class."

Finally, Huddersfield manager Bobby Collins: "Martin is one of the outstanding prospects at Leeds Road. He has natural ability and loves to play and get involved. He's certainly one for the future."

Owl socked owl

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's plight at the bottom of the Second Division was highlighted in the match against West Brom at The Hawthorns recently, when Owls' skipper Ken Knighton socked a player on the jaw — one of his own team-mates!

Alan Thomson was his target immediately after Tony Brown had scored Albion's fourth goal in the last minute.

Knighton hurled some furious remarks at Thomson, who gave him a short, sharp reply, upon which Knighton pulled Thomson towards him and threw a short right to the jaw.

Afterwards both players said the incident was a spur of the moment thing born of frustration and annoyance at Wednesday's 4-0 hammering which sunk them into further trouble.

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41,000 Welcomes

A CROWD of nearly 7,000 watched Birmingham play Bournemouth at St. Andrews last month. Nothing unusual in that — except the match was a reserve fixture.

The attraction was Birmingham's superstar Trevor Francis making his competitive comeback after a knee injury which had kept him out of action for five months.

The delighted crowd saw Trevor score one and scheme the other two to give The Blues a 3-0 win.

A few days later, Trevor made his First Division return against West Ham at St. Andrews in a game that attracted 34,000 on a bitterly cold night.

Francis showed he'd lost none of his old skill and magic by creating Birmingham's equaliser in the second-half.

Such is the drawing power of one of soccer's few real crowd-pullers. Welcome back, Trevor Francis!

Hero of Halifax

THERE'S no doubting who's top of pops with Halifax fans.

The vote goes to Welsh-born striker David Gwyther, surely one of the shrewdest signings ever made by the club.

Proof of Dave's popularity is a petition organised by the Supporters' Club, pleading with the directors not to sell him.

It's not so easy as that, of course, for a club in the Third Division surviving on gates of around 2,000 and constantly waging a war against relegation.

Sheffield Wednesday offered £15,000 and a player for this former Welsh Under-23 international, who had scored nearly 50 League goals for Swansea before his move North two years ago.

"An insult," was how manager Johnny Quinn described the bid from his former club, adding that he felt David is in the £50,000 class.

"He has played well enough this season to make the full Welsh team," said Quinn, who revealed he has also turned down bids from Sheffield United and Grimsby for the hero of The Shay.

Alan's 'hat-trick'



HOW'S this for a unique hat-trick?

In the 1972-73 season, Sheffield United drew 1-1 at Ipswich and Alan Woodward (above) scored from the penalty-spot.

Last season United's visit to Portman Road ended in a 1-0 victory — and Alan Woodward hit the only goal.

A few weeks ago the silvery-haired wing-terror did it again when he scored the only goal that robbed Ipswich of two vital Championship points.

Alan Woodward must be the bogey-man of Portman Road.

JIMMY Wilson, one of soccer's chirpiest characters, recently signed for Falkirk, his sixth senior club.

Jimmy had previously played for Newcastle, Morton, Aberdeen, Motherwell and Dundee.

Scoring Artist

DUMBARTON'S striker John Bourke has got the knack of scoring goals down to a fine art. But that's not surprising really.

John is an oil painter in his spare time. He is also studying to become a P.E. teacher at a college. It's a wonder he finds the time to score goals for Dumbarton.

Stein's master-move

CELTIC'S versatile young star Jackie McNamara was down in the dumps this season when manager Jock Stein paid out £80,000 to Partick Thistle for mid-field man Ronnie Glavin.

Jackie had had several games for Celtic's first-team in this position, but it seemed there was no future for him with the club.

Glavin was added to a midfield crammed with players such as Kenny Dalglish, Tommy Callaghan, Stevie Murray and Harry Hood.

However, Jock Stein pulled a master-stroke to restore Jackie's morale.

He called him into his office AND GAVE HIM A PAY RISE!

Jackie has since played several first-team games with Ronnie Glavin sitting it out on the substitute's bench.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE FOR SHOOT / GOAL'S MOST EXCITING PLAYER OF THE YEAR — IN ENGLAND OR SCOTLAND

IN FULL COLOUR ... Sheffield United team group; Liam Brady (Arsenal); John Mahoney (Stoke); Dennis Rofe (Leicester); Kevin Hector (Derby) and Focus on Frankie Gray (Leeds).

PLUS ... Behind the scenes at Barcelona, Leeds United's European Cup Semi-Final opponents.

ALSO FEATURED ... Lou Macari (Man. Utd.), Joe Harper (Hibs), Jim Cruickshank (Hearts), Eddie McCreadie (Chelsea) and a Crosstalk between Everton boss Billy Bingham and Shrewsbury player-manager Alan Durban.

ALL IN SHOOT / GOAL NEXT WEEK!

matches to watch

SHOOT/GOAL previews a selection of top games in England and Scotland, to be played on Saturday, April 12th.

WITH just a fortnight of full Saturday fixture lists left, the pressures at both ends of the various Divisions have become almost unbearable.

The First Division title chase is the tightest it's been for many a season. EVERTON, who remain a top favourite are away to NEWCASTLE UNITED and must win at a ground where few clubs succeed.

The Tyneside club, out of the race for honours themselves, are capable of producing a shock result simply because they are inconsistent and unpredictable.

In Malcolm Macdonald they have a striker particularly eager to score as next Wednesday England play Cyprus in an important European Champion-

be halted away at Molineux by WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS. Bill McGarry's men have a habit of upsetting clubs chasing honours.

Boro's forte is to break quickly from defence and their swift upfield raids could exploit the weaknesses of the home rearguard.

If Big Jack's well-drilled outfit can contain fast, front-running homer Steve Kindon they can earn at least a point.

At one period recently LUTON TOWN seemed about to stage

the type of form which belies their lowly position.

This is an attractive-looking fixture and fans will swell the terraces for what should be a corker of a relegation duel.

Town need points more than The Filberts but we've a feeling a low-scoring draw will be the outcome.

Another club facing the threat of going down are CHELSEA. They are at home to MANCHESTER CITY, whose star-studded squad have failed to bring a major honour to Maine Road this term.

City can still turn it on, though, and it will take more than enthusiasm from the Chelsea chicks to bring much-needed points to The Bridge.

If those wily old campaigners, cheeky Charlie Cooke and Ron Harris can raise their game Chel-

title for The Owls these days as they head for the Third Division for the first time in the history of the club.

City have a sound rearguard, the main reason they've stolen into the limelight.

We can't see a woeful Wednesday breaking Alan Dicks' defence down. Put this one down for a home banker.

In the Third Division, BLACKBURN ROVERS should pick up a point away to struggling AFC BOURNEMOUTH, but the task for CHARLTON ATHLETIC at London Road versus PETERBOROUGH UNITED is a stiffer one. Don't be surprised if Boro sneak to a narrow victory.

Poised

Down in Division Four, ROTHERHAM UNITED are poised for both points away to NORTHAMPTON TOWN while CHESTER should get a result following their visit to SCUNTHORPE UNITED.

In Scotland, it's a question of who'll finish second to Champions Rangers. The odds are on HIBS who play hosts to the lively AIRDRIE. A win at Easter Road will help their cause and help to bring some glory to the famous Edinburgh club this season.

Meantime, the once-unbeatable CELTIC travel to tackle DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC. The fallen idols still have their pride ... enough to earn them both points.

MAGPIES TO CRACK TOFFEES?

ship game at Wembley, and he'll want to win a place in his country's line-up for that match.

A goal or two would endorse his boast that he is England's outstanding goal-getter.

Marking him will probably be the bearded rock of a centre-half, Roger Kenyon, skipper of the Goodison club and himself recently given international recognition by Don Revie.

What a battle-royal these two should produce. In fact, Supmac versus Kenyon will probably hold the key to the match.

We're tipping the scales in United's favour, a narrow win which will dent Everton's run-in to the title.

A leap forward by LIVERPOOL in recent weeks puts them in definite contention for the Championship. It's unlikely they'll slip up at home to an already doomed CARLISLE UNITED.

But nothing can be taken for granted in football. As The Cumbrians know they're down and out, their soccer may be free of tension.

With this thought in mind, Bob Paisley's men will need to pull out all the stops to gain two valuable points. The famous Kop should cheer them to victory, though.

The march of MIDDLESBROUGH towards the title could

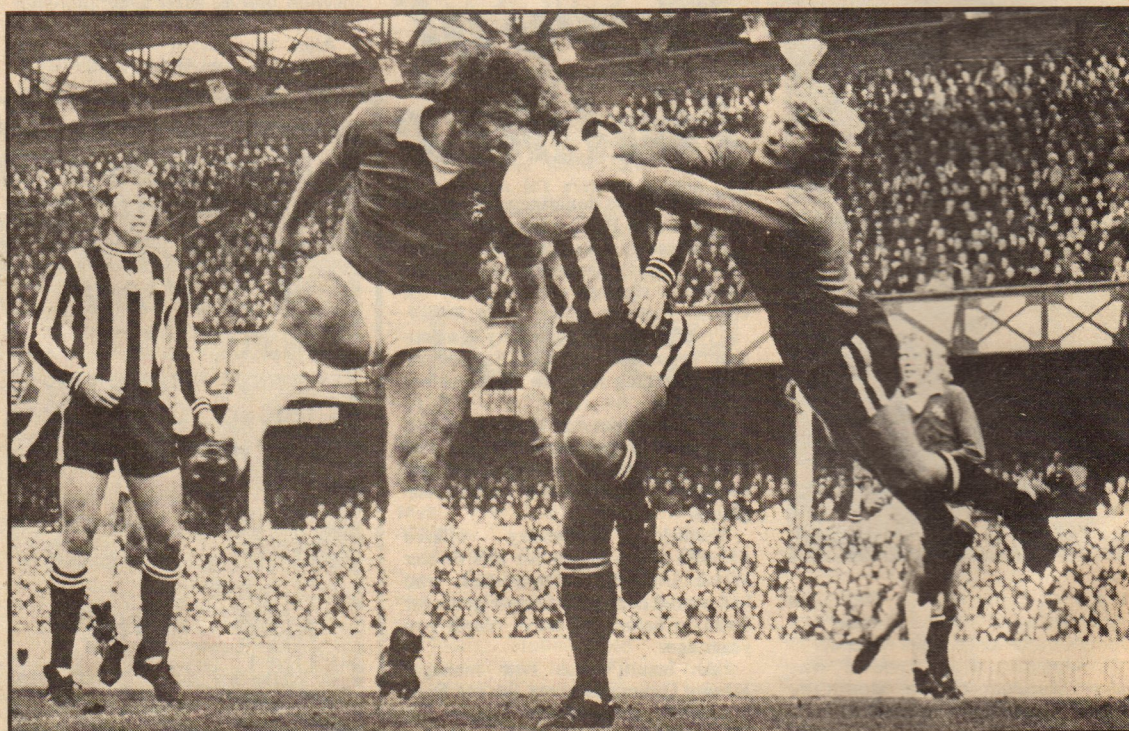
the season's greatest escape act.

They strung some impressive results together, then spoilt all their good work with a disastrous Easter.

They're at home to LEICESTER CITY, a club who've struck

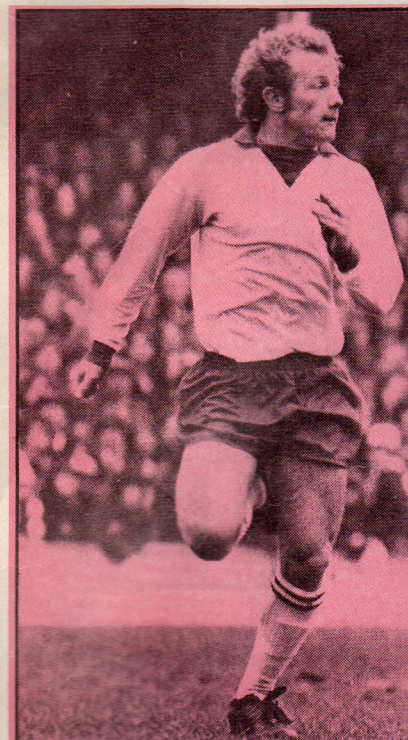
sea are in with a chance.

In Division Two, BRISTOL CITY have quietly moved into the promotion race. They play hosts to a demoralised SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY. Sheffield doomsday would be a more apt



Everton's Bob Latchford (white shorts) heads just wide during the 1-1 home clash v. Newcastle earlier this term. They meet again on Saturday at St. James' Park. The Magpies being tipped to win.

What FOOTBALL



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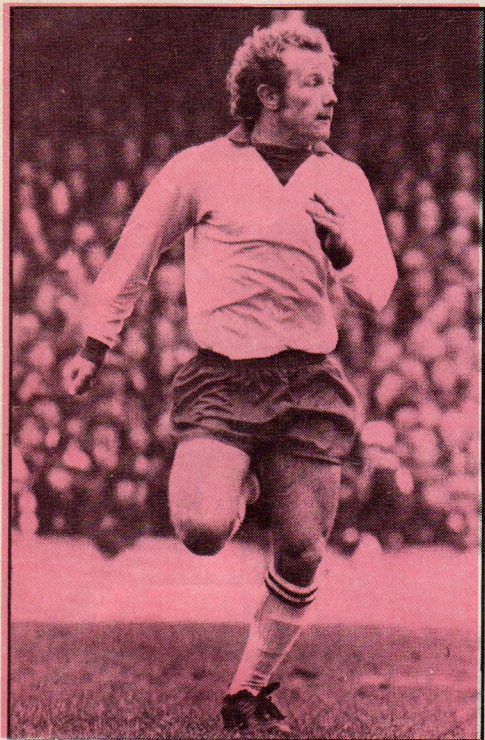
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CROSSTALK

TWO brothers who were coached by their father in a park behind their Nottingham home, have made the grade as League professionals.

Steve Buckley made an impressive First Division debut this season as a left-back for Luton Town after his £2,500 transfer from non-League Burton Albion. His elder brother Alan made his debut three years ago for Nottingham Forest and is now scoring goals regularly for Third Division Walsall.

Here, the Buckley brothers discuss how their careers have shaped since they played together as boys in Nottingham.

you didn't get too downhearted, I knew you would make the grade. I was lucky I didn't have to go for a trial. Nottingham Forest signed me on the basis of the form I had shown while playing for my local schoolboy team — Ilkeston and Heanor.

STEVE: It's funny really. You were playing for a professional football team as soon as you left school and I was scratching about in part-time soccer for three years. Yet I managed to make my League debut at 20 and you made yours at 21.

ALAN: That's right, Steve. It just shows how wrong scouts can be. What do you think was the main reason for your rise into First Division football?

STEVE: It all really started happening for me at Burton Albion. I played on the wing and we were fighting for promotion and I was scoring a lot of goals. A scout from Luton spotted me and the next thing I knew I was on their books. They converted me from a winger into a full-back and, after a few matches in the reserves, playing in my new role, I was given a first-team chance last October.

ALAN: How did you feel when you made your debut?

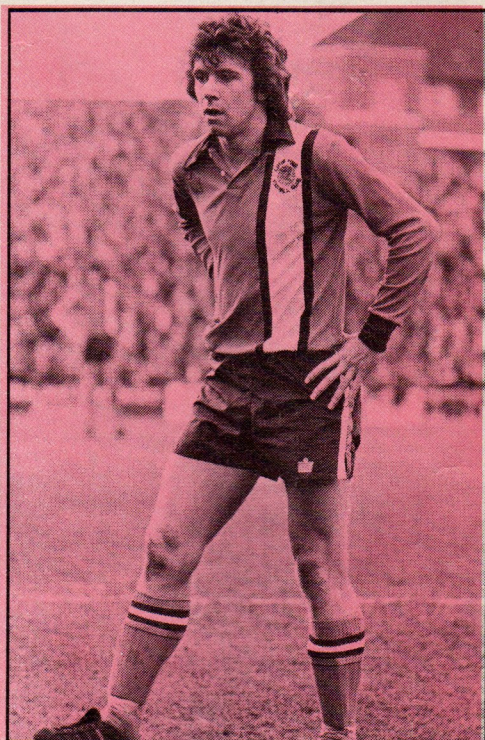
STEVE: Very nervous at first. It was an important relegation match against Leicester City at Filbert Street. But I soon got into the swing of things. I felt I came through it rather well. What about you, Alan?

ALAN: My debut in League soccer was for Nottingham Forest against Huddersfield Town at Leeds Road in 1971-72. We won 1-0. I was nervous as well to start with but once out on the pitch, I forgot everything else and got on with playing. More memorable for me was my home debut for Forest against neighbours Derby County. Although we lost 1-0, the atmosphere generated by the crowd made me feel at last I had made it into the big-time.

STEVE: It must have been great making your debut for Forest as they were our local club.

ALAN: Yes, it was like a dream come true. But I got just as big a kick when they signed me up.

STEVE: I remember when the Forest official came round to see you. That made up my mind I was going to be a professional footballer as well.



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What do you think are the ingredients that go into making a successful full-time player?

ALAN: I would put skill at the top of the list. Without that, no matter how much practice and good coaching you have, you will never make the grade. An ability to read the game is another essential asset.

STEVE: I agree, but I would add to your list dedication. If you are unable to apply your natural ability, it will all go to waste.

ALAN: Remember when we played for Eastwood boys in Nottingham? You were only 11, but even at that early age I could tell you had a flair for the game.

STEVE: Thanks, Alan, you were not so bad yourself. I played on the left and you were on the right wing. We banged in a few goals together and although you were just 14, several clubs were keeping a close eye on you.

ALAN: We have come a long way since then and the signs are there is still a long way to go.

STEVE: You just think about getting promotion and I will do my best to make sure we won't be meeting in Division Two next season.

many safe

ENGLAND



THE team that beat the World Champions, West Germany, 2-0 at Wembley last month. From left: Alan Ball, Ray Clemence, Steve

Whitworth, Kevin Keegan, Colin Todd, Ian Gillard, Colin Bell, Mike Channon, Malcolm Macdonald, Alan Hudson, Dave Watson.

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